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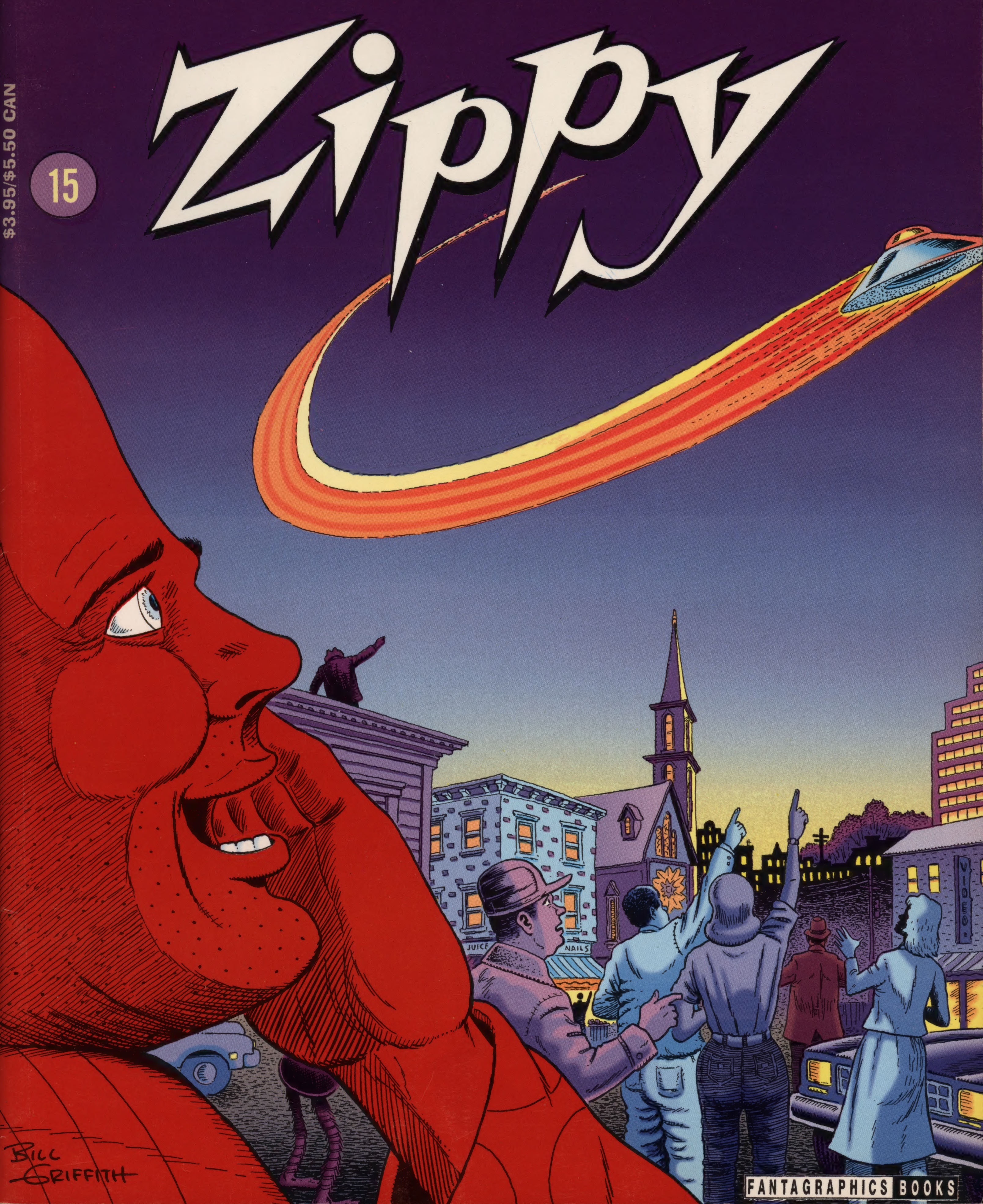
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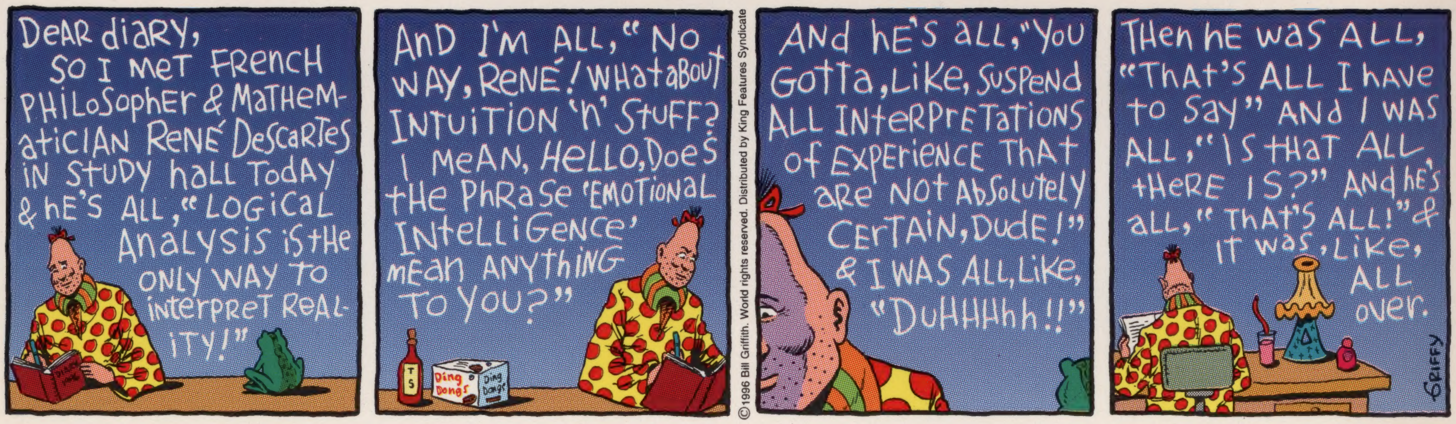
DEAR DIARY, SO I MET FRENCH PHILOSOPHER & MATHEMATICIAN RENÉ DESCARTES IN STUDY HALL TODAY & HE'S ALL, "LOGICAL ANALYSIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO INTERPRET REALITY!"
DIARY 1996
AND I'M ALL, "NO WAY, RENÉ! WHAT ABOUT INTUITION 'N' STUFF? I MEAN, HELLO, DOES THE PHRASE 'EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE' MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?"
TS
DING DONGS
DING DONGS
AND HE'S ALL, "YOU GOTTA, LIKE, SUSPEND ALL INTERPRETATIONS OF EXPERIENCE THAT ARE NOT ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN, DUDE!" & I WAS ALL, LIKE, "DUHHHHH!!"
THEN HE WAS ALL, "THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY" AND I WAS ALL, "IS THAT ALL THERE IS?" AND HE'S ALL, "THAT'S ALL!" & IT WAS, LIKE, ALL OVER.
GRIFFY
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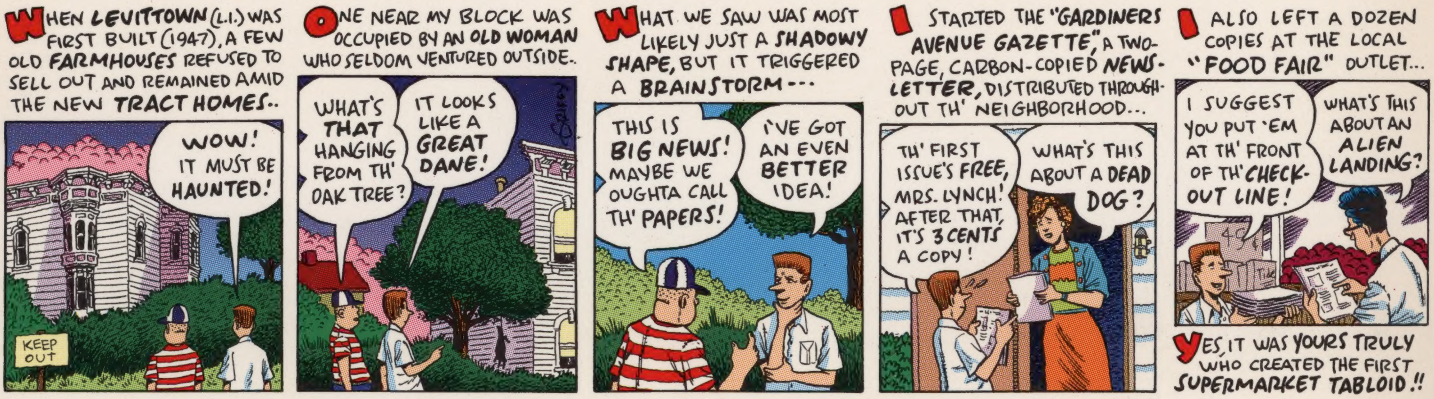
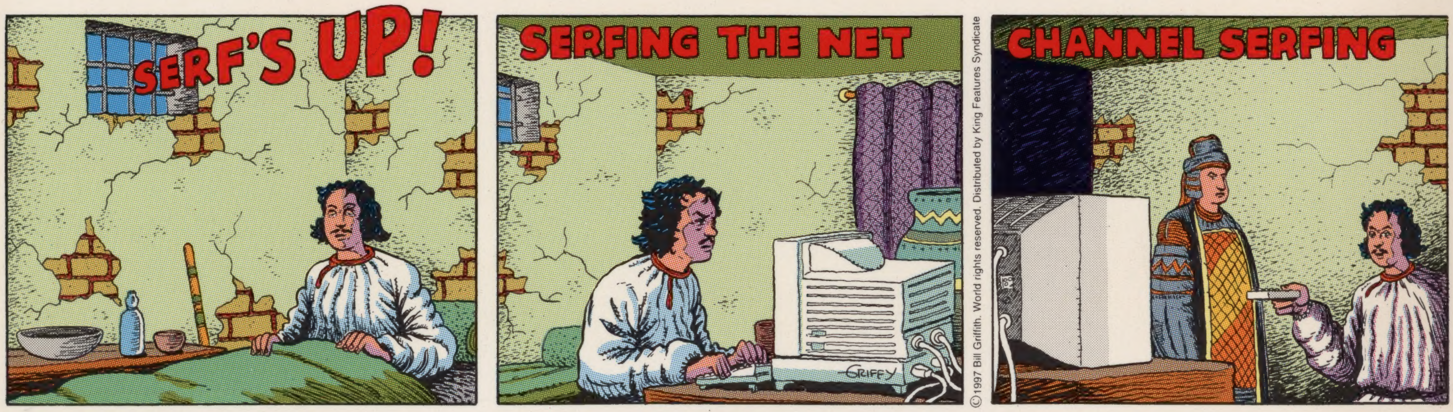

WHEN LEVITTOWN (L.I.) WAS FIRST BUILT (1947), A FEW OLD FARMHOUSES REFUSED TO SELL OUT AND REMAINED AMID THE NEW TRACT HOMES..
WOW! IT MUST BE HAUNTED!
KEEP OUT
ONE NEAR MY BLOCK WAS OCCUPIED BY AN OLD WOMAN WHO SELDOM VENTURED OUTSIDE..
WHAT'S THAT HANGING FROM TH' OAK TREE?
IT LOOKS LIKE A GREAT DANE!
GRIFFY
WHAT WE SAW WAS MOST LIKELY JUST A SHADOWY SHAPE, BUT IT TRIGGERED A BRAINSTORM---
THIS IS BIG NEWS! MAYBE WE OUGHTA CALL TH' PAPERS!
I'VE GOT AN EVEN BETTER IDEA!
I STARTED THE "GARDINERS AVENUE GAZETTE," A TWO-PAGE, CARBON-COPIED NEWSLETTER, DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT TH' NEIGHBORHOOD...
TH' FIRST ISSUE'S FREE, MRS. LYNCH! AFTER THAT, IT'S 3 CENTS A COPY!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A DEAD DOG?
I ALSO LEFT A DOZEN COPIES AT THE LOCAL "FOOD FAIR" OUTLET...
I SUGGEST YOU PUT 'EM AT TH' FRONT OF TH' CHECK-OUT LINE!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT AN ALIEN LANDING?
YES, IT WAS YOURS TRULY WHO CREATED THE FIRST SUPERMARKET TABLOID!!


SERF'S UP!
SERFING THE NET
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CHANNEL SERFING
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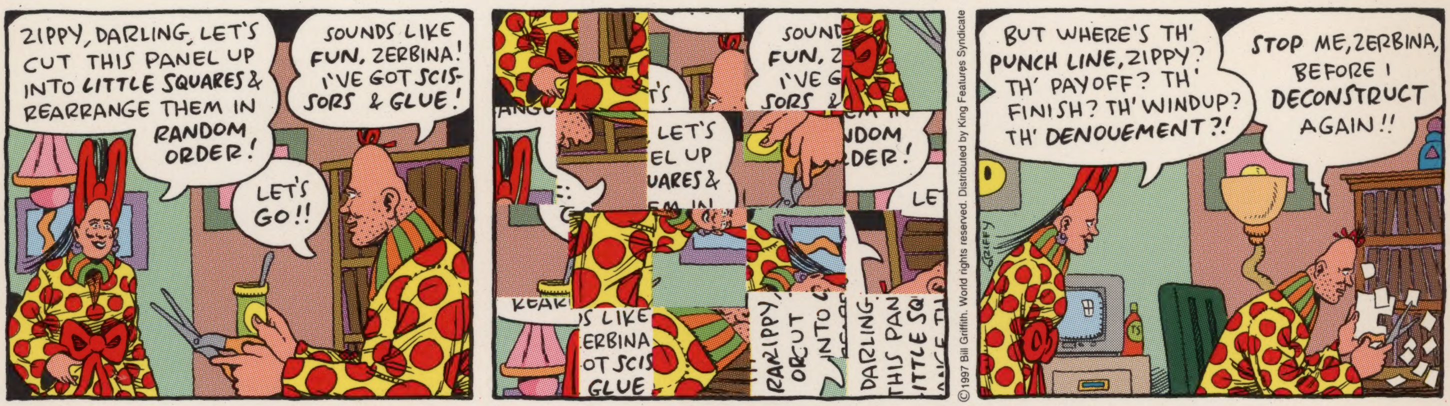
ZIPPY, DARLING, LET'S CUT THIS PANEL UP INTO LITTLE SQUARES & REARRANGE THEM IN RANDOM ORDER!
SOUNDS LIKE FUN, ZERBINA! I'VE GOT SCISSORS & GLUE!
LET'S GO!!
LET'S
EL UP
UARES &
SOUND
FUN, Z
I'VE G
SORS &
NDOM
RDER!
S LIKE
ERBINA
OT SCIS
GLUE
GRIFFY
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BUT WHERE'S TH' PUNCH LINE, ZIPPY? TH' PAYOFF? TH' FINISH? TH' WINDUP? TH' DENOUEMENT?!
STOP ME, ZERBINA, BEFORE I DECONSTRUCT AGAIN!!

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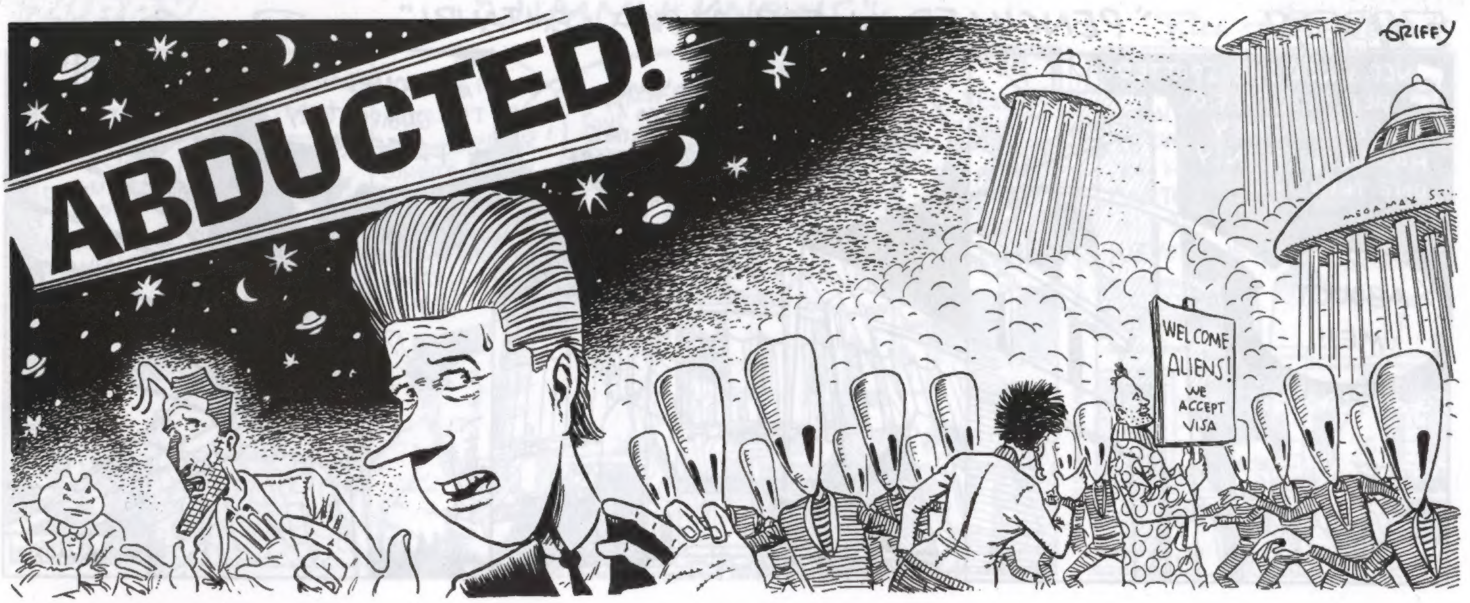
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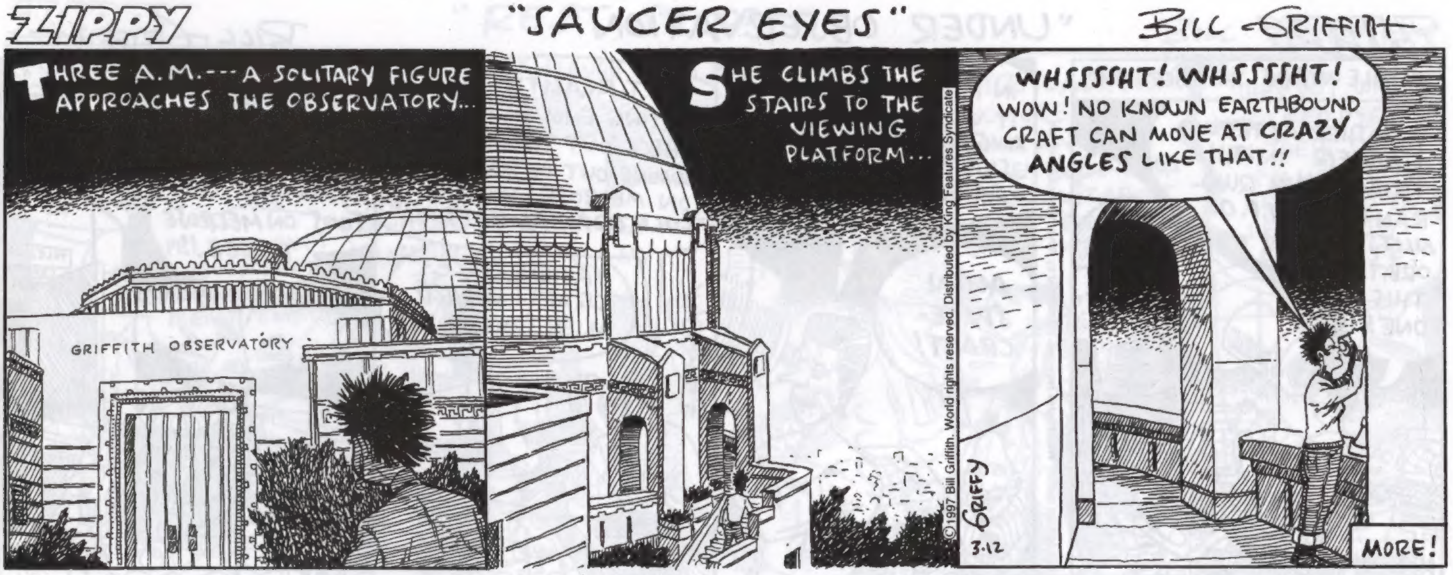
MEGA MAX ST...
WELCOME ALIENS! WE ACCEPT VISA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"SAUCER EYES"
BILL GRIFFITH
THREE A.M.--- A SOLITARY FIGURE APPROACHES THE OBSERVATORY...
GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY
SHE CLIMBS THE STAIRS TO THE VIEWING PLATFORM...
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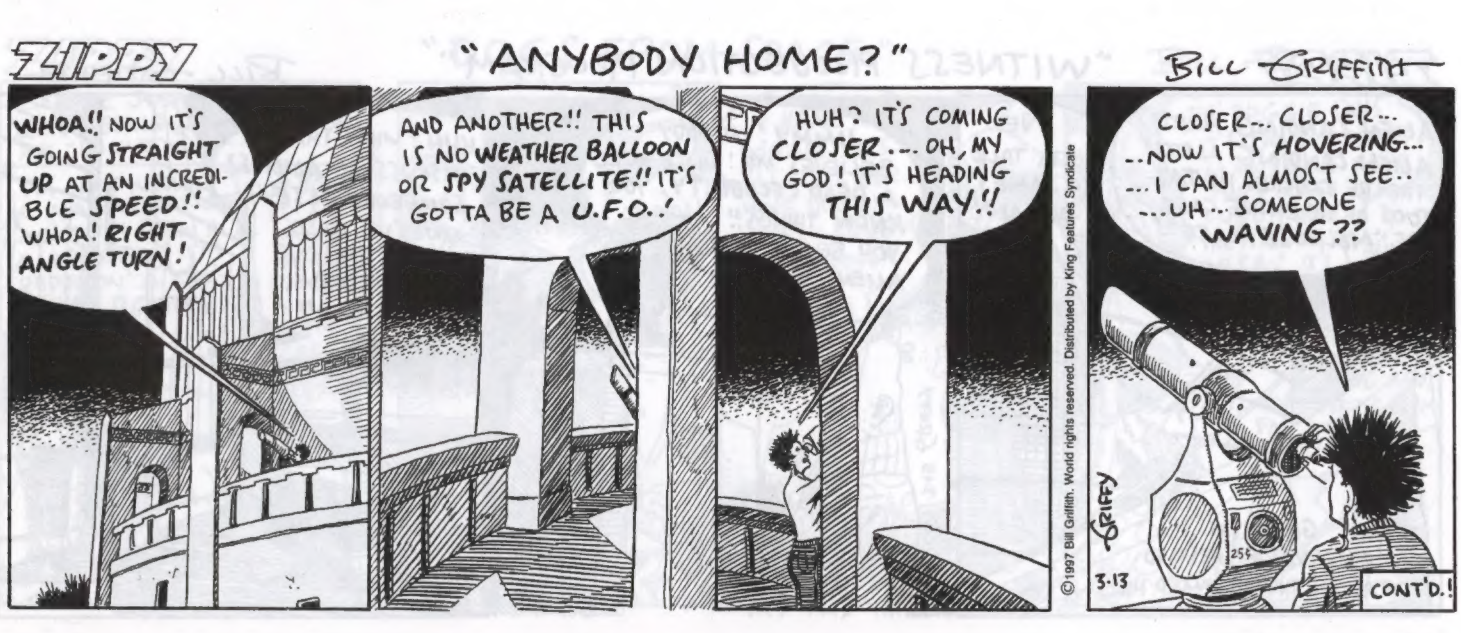
GRIFFY
3-12
WHSSSSHT! WHSSSSHT! WOW! NO KNOWN EARTHBOUND CRAFT CAN MOVE AT CRAZY ANGLES LIKE THAT!!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"ANYBODY HOME?"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHOA!! NOW IT'S GOING STRAIGHT UP AT AN INCREDIBLE SPEED!! WHOA! RIGHT ANGLE TURN!
AND ANOTHER!! THIS IS NO WEATHER BALLOON OR SPY SATELLITE!! IT'S GOTTA BE A U.F.O.!
HUH? IT'S COMING CLOSER.... OH, MY GOD! IT'S HEADING THIS WAY!!
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GRIFFY
3-13
CLOSER... CLOSER... ..NOW IT'S HOVERING... ...I CAN ALMOST SEE.. ...UH... SOMEONE WAVING??
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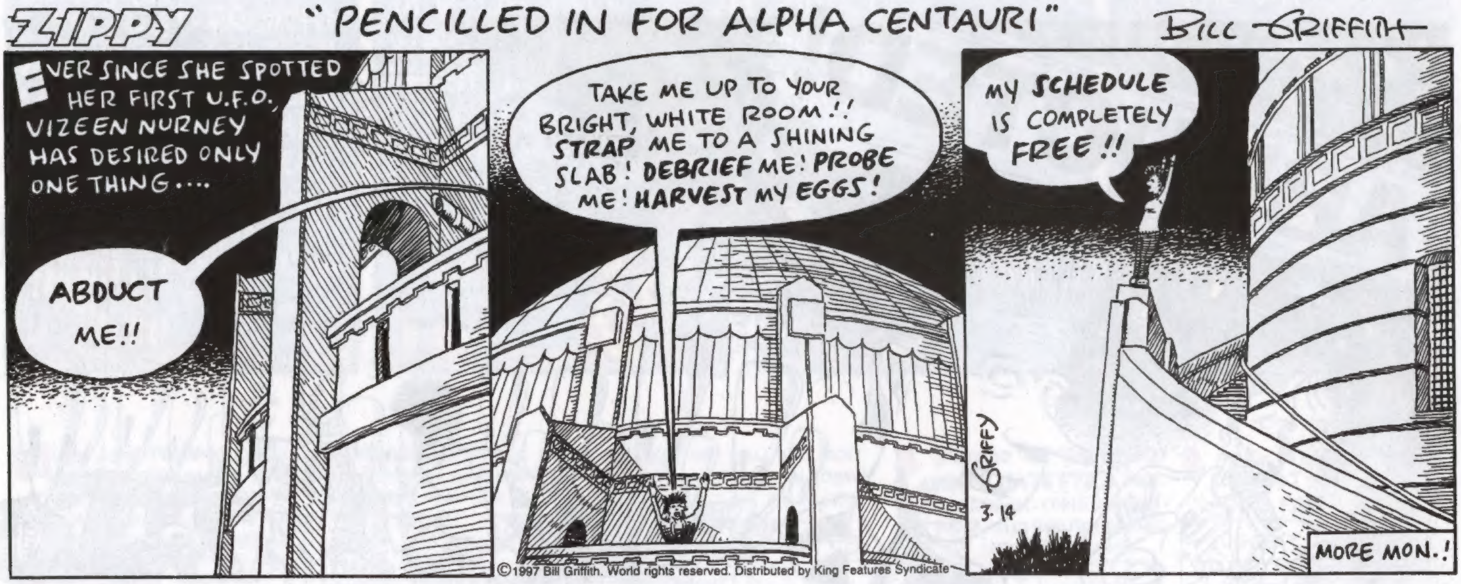
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"PENCILLED IN FOR ALPHA CENTAURI"
BILL GRIFFITH
EVER SINCE SHE SPOTTED HER FIRST U.F.O., VIZEEN NURNEY HAS DESIRED ONLY ONE THING....
ABDUCT ME!!
TAKE ME UP TO YOUR BRIGHT, WHITE ROOM!! STRAP ME TO A SHINING SLAB! DEBRIEF ME! PROBE ME! HARVEST MY EGGS!
MY SCHEDULE IS COMPLETELY FREE!!
GRIFFY 3.14
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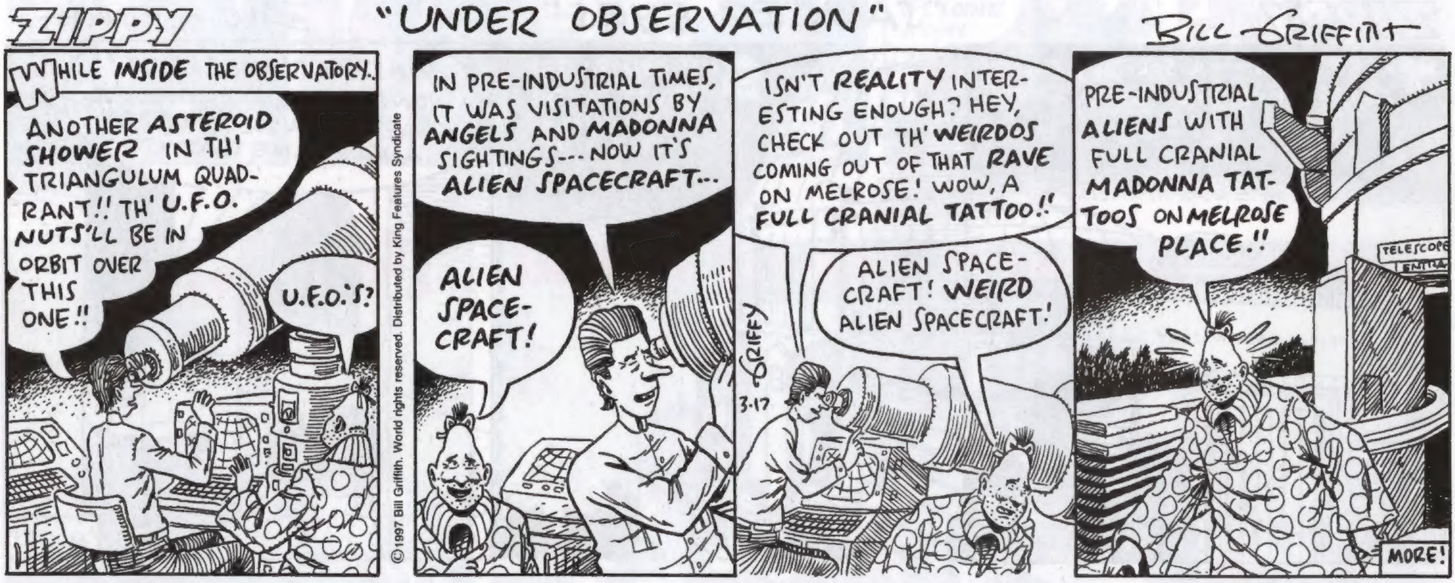
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"UNDER OBSERVATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHILE INSIDE THE OBSERVATORY.
ANOTHER ASTEROID SHOWER IN TH' TRIANGULUM QUADRANT!! TH' U.F.O. NUTS'LL BE IN ORBIT OVER THIS ONE!!
U.F.O.'S?
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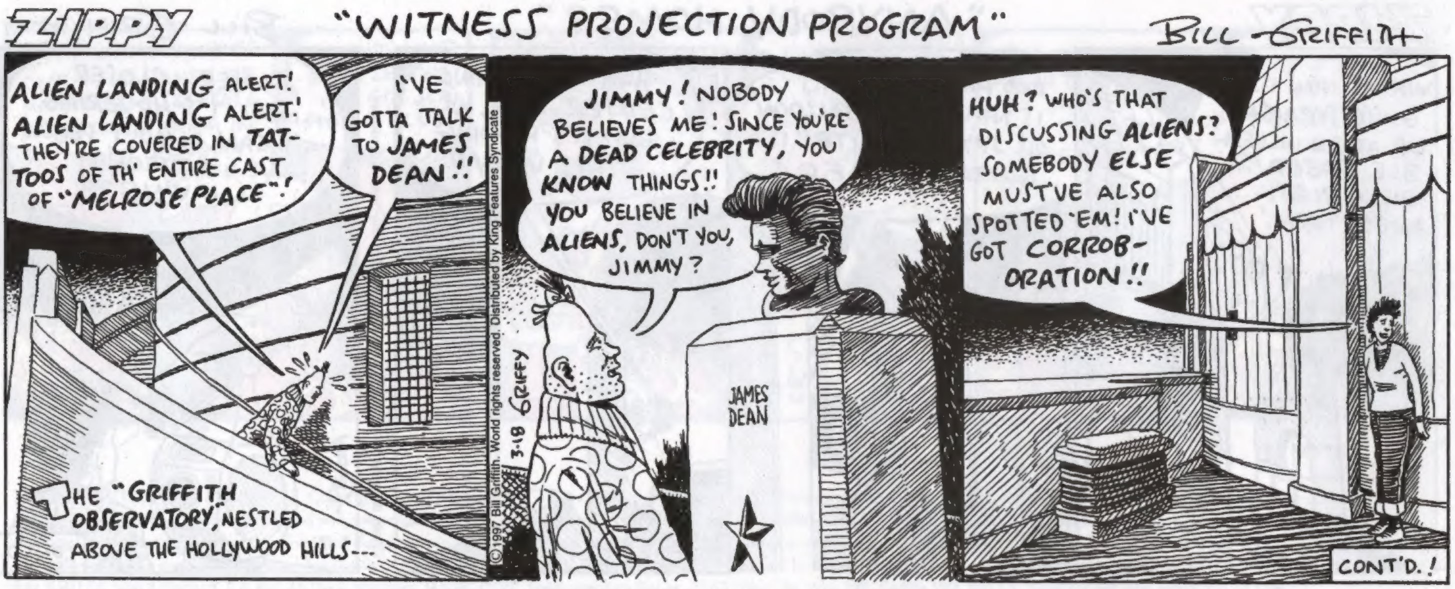
IN PRE-INDUSTRIAL TIMES, IT WAS VISITATIONS BY ANGELS AND MADONNA SIGHTINGS--- NOW IT'S ALIEN SPACECRAFT...
ALIEN SPACECRAFT!
ISN'T REALITY INTERESTING ENOUGH? HEY, CHECK OUT TH' WEIRDOS COMING OUT OF THAT RAVE ON MELROSE! WOW, A FULL CRANIAL TATTOO!!
ALIEN SPACECRAFT! WEIRD ALIEN SPACECRAFT!
GRIFFY 3-17
PRE-INDUSTRIAL ALIENS WITH FULL CRANIAL MADONNA TATTOOS ON MELROSE PLACE!!
TELESCOPE ENTRA
MORE!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"WITNESS PROJECTION PROGRAM"
BILL GRIFFITH
ALIEN LANDING ALERT! ALIEN LANDING ALERT! THEY'RE COVERED IN TATTOOS OF TH' ENTIRE CAST OF "MELROSE PLACE"!
I'VE GOTTA TALK TO JAMES DEAN!!
THE "GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY," NESTLED ABOVE THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS---
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GRIFFY 3-18
JIMMY! NOBODY BELIEVES ME! SINCE YOU'RE A DEAD CELEBRITY, YOU KNOW THINGS!! YOU BELIEVE IN ALIENS, DON'T YOU, JIMMY?
JAMES DEAN
HUH? WHO'S THAT DISCUSSING ALIENS? SOMEBODY ELSE MUST'VE ALSO SPOTTED 'EM! I'VE GOT CORROBORATION!!
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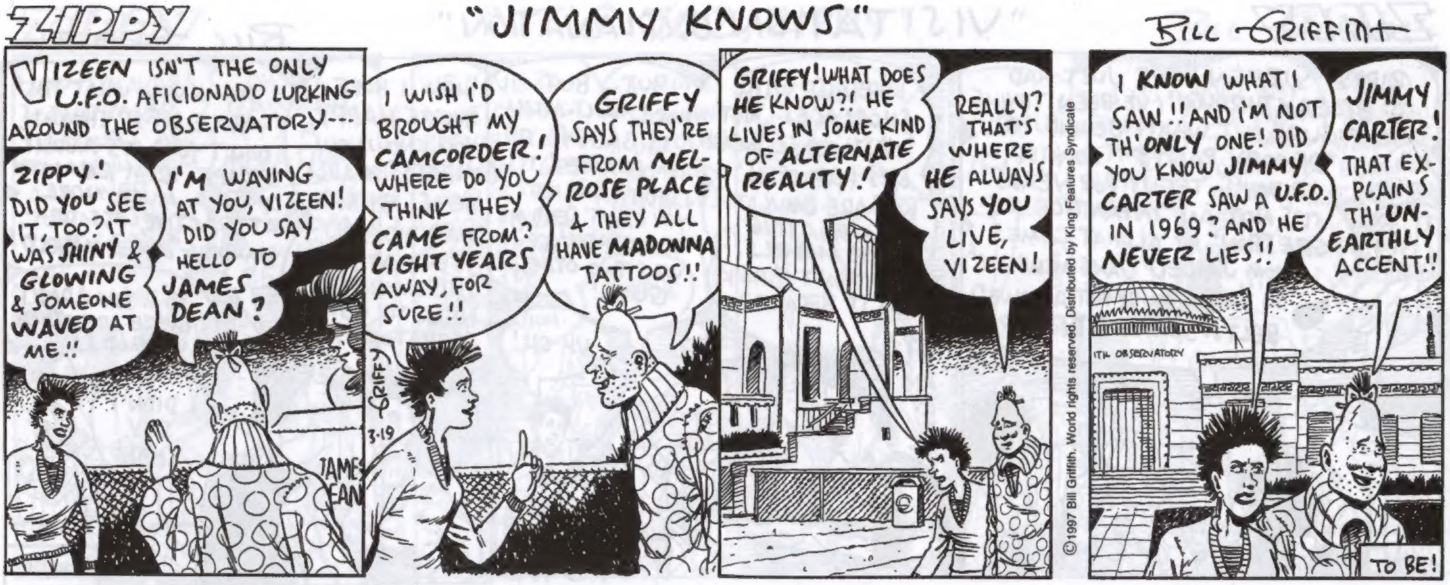
ZIPPY
"JIMMY KNOWS"
BILL GRIFFITH
VIZEEN ISN'T THE ONLY U.F.O. AFICIONADO LURKING AROUND THE OBSERVATORY---
ZIPPY! DID YOU SEE IT, TOO? IT WAS SHINY & GLOWING & SOMEONE WAVED AT ME!!
I'M WAVING AT YOU, VIZEEN! DID YOU SAY HELLO TO JAMES DEAN?
JAMES
EAN
GRIFFY
3·19
I WISH I'D BROUGHT MY CAMCORDER! WHERE DO YOU THINK THEY CAME FROM? LIGHT YEARS AWAY, FOR SURE!!
GRIFFY SAYS THEY'RE FROM MELROSE PLACE & THEY ALL HAVE MADONNA TATTOOS!!
GRIFFY! WHAT DOES HE KNOW?! HE LIVES IN SOME KIND OF ALTERNATE REALITY!
REALLY? THAT'S WHERE HE ALWAYS SAYS YOU LIVE, VIZEEN!
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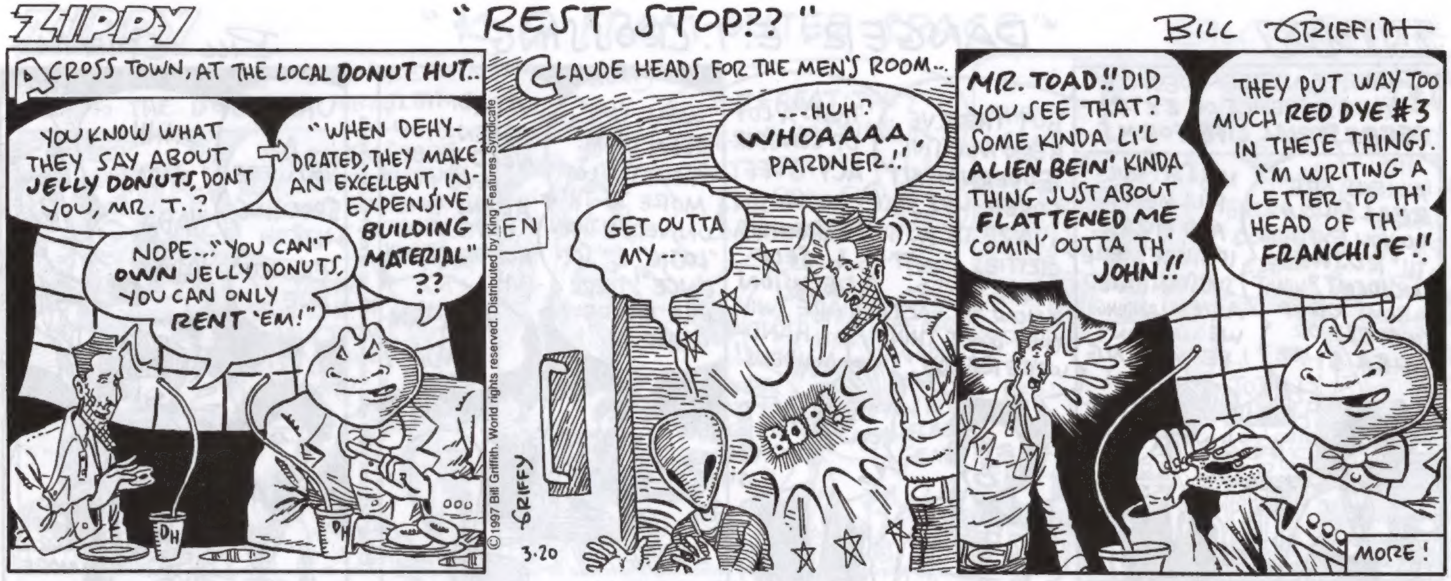
I KNOW WHAT I SAW!! AND I'M NOT TH' ONLY ONE! DID YOU KNOW JIMMY CARTER SAW A U.F.O. IN 1969? AND HE NEVER LIES!!
JIMMY CARTER! THAT EXPLAINS TH' UNEARTHLY ACCENT!!
ITH OBSERVATORY
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"REST STOP??"
BILL GRIFFITH
ACROSS TOWN, AT THE LOCAL DONUT HUT..
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT JELLY DONUTS, DON'T YOU, MR. T.?
"WHEN DEHYDRATED, THEY MAKE AN EXCELLENT, INEXPENSIVE BUILDING MATERIAL"??
NOPE.."YOU CAN'T OWN JELLY DONUTS, YOU CAN ONLY RENT 'EM!"
DH
DH
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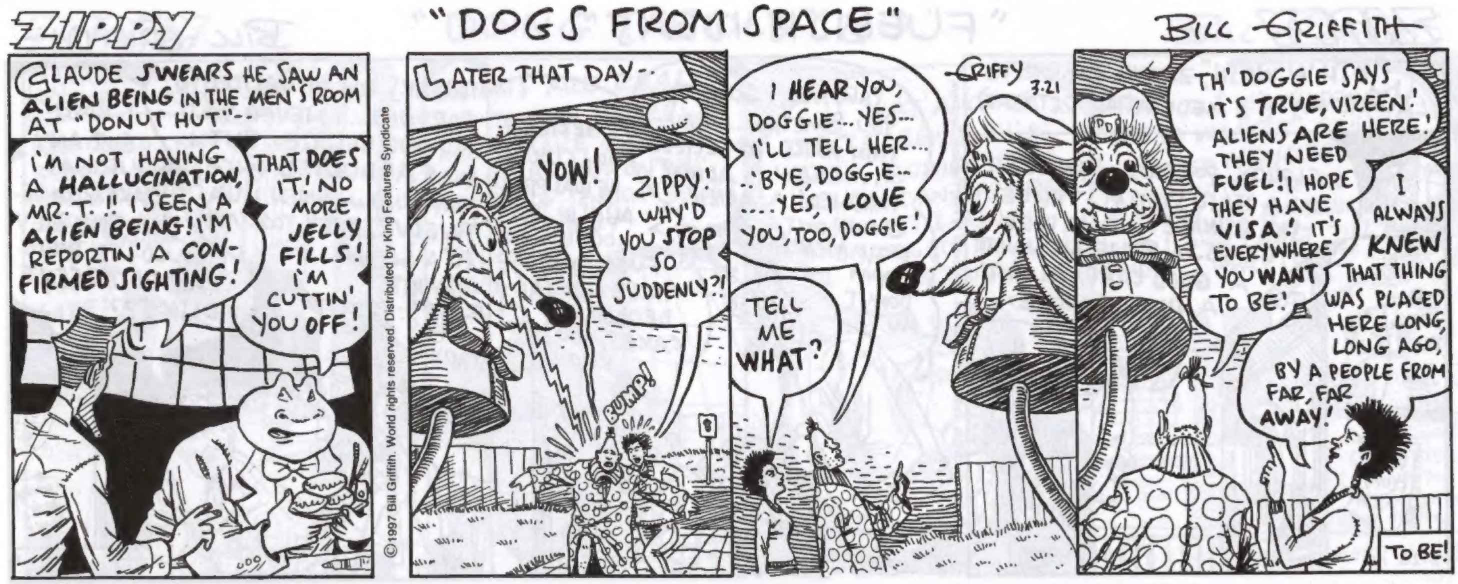
GRIFFY
3·20
CLAUDE HEADS FOR THE MEN'S ROOM..
...HUH? WHOAAAA, PARDNER!!
GET OUTTA MY---
EN
BOP!
MR. TOAD!! DID YOU SEE THAT? SOME KINDA LI'L ALIEN BEIN' KINDA THING JUST ABOUT FLATTENED ME COMIN' OUTTA TH' JOHN!!
THEY PUT WAY TOO MUCH RED DYE #3 IN THESE THINGS. I'M WRITING A LETTER TO TH' HEAD OF TH' FRANCHISE!!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"DOGS FROM SPACE"
BILL GRIFFITH
CLAUDE SWEARS HE SAW AN ALIEN BEING IN THE MEN'S ROOM AT "DONUT HUT"--
I'M NOT HAVING A HALLUCINATION, MR. T.!! I SEEN A ALIEN BEING! I'M REPORTIN' A CONFIRMED SIGHTING!
THAT DOES IT! NO MORE JELLY FILLS! I'M CUTTIN' YOU OFF!
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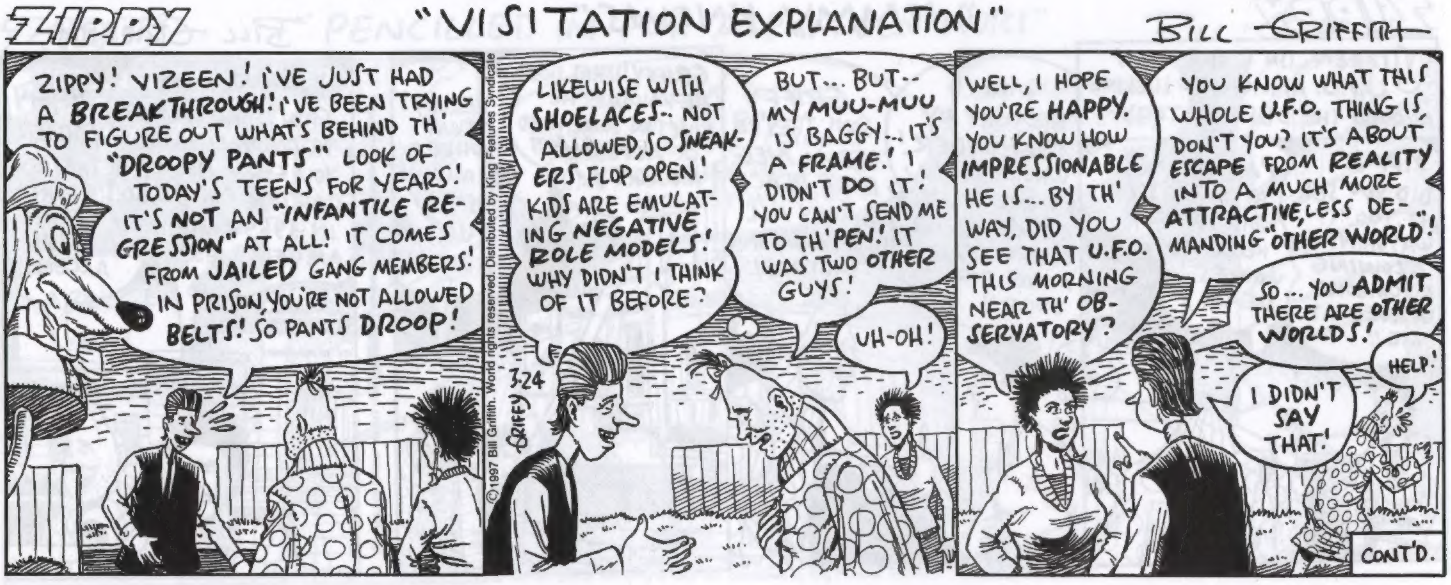
LATER THAT DAY--
YOW!
ZIPPY! WHY'D YOU STOP SO SUDDENLY?!
BUMP!
I HEAR YOU, DOGGIE... YES... I'LL TELL HER... ..BYE, DOGGIE.. ...YES, I LOVE YOU, TOO, DOGGIE!
TELL ME WHAT?
GRIFFY
3·21
TH' DOGGIE SAYS IT'S TRUE, VIZEEN! ALIENS ARE HERE! THEY NEED FUEL! I HOPE THEY HAVE VISA! IT'S EVERYWHERE YOU WANT TO BE!
I ALWAYS KNEW THAT THING WAS PLACED HERE LONG, LONG AGO, BY A PEOPLE FROM FAR, FAR AWAY!
TO BE!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"VISITATION EXPLANATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! VIZEEN! I'VE JUST HAD A BREAKTHROUGH! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S BEHIND TH' "DROOPY PANTS" LOOK OF TODAY'S TEENS FOR YEARS! IT'S NOT AN "INFANTILE REGRESSION" AT ALL! IT COMES FROM JAILED GANG MEMBERS! IN PRISON, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED BELTS! SO PANTS DROOP!
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LIKEWISE WITH SHOELACES.. NOT ALLOWED, SO SNEAKERS FLOP OPEN! KIDS ARE EMULATING NEGATIVE ROLE MODELS! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE?
BUT... BUT-- MY MUU-MUU IS BAGGY... IT'S A FRAME! I DIDN'T DO IT! YOU CAN'T SEND ME TO TH' PEN! IT WAS TWO OTHER GUYS!
UH-OH!
3.24
GRIFFY
WELL, I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY. YOU KNOW HOW IMPRESSIONABLE HE IS... BY TH' WAY, DID YOU SEE THAT U.F.O. THIS MORNING NEAR TH' OBSERVATORY?
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS WHOLE U.F.O. THING IS, DON'T YOU? IT'S ABOUT ESCAPE FROM REALITY INTO A MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE, LESS DEMANDING "OTHER WORLD"!
SO... YOU ADMIT THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS!
I DIDN'T SAY THAT!
HELP!
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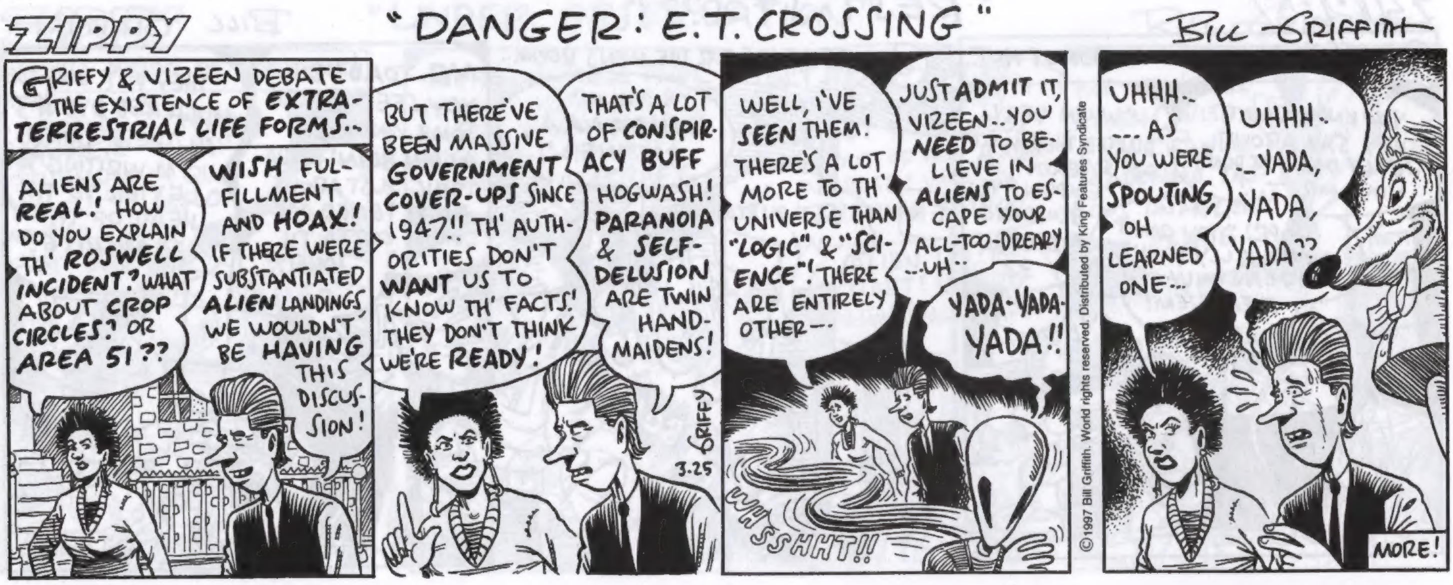
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"DANGER: E.T. CROSSING"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY & VIZEEN DEBATE THE EXISTENCE OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL LIFE FORMS..
ALIENS ARE REAL! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN TH' ROSWELL INCIDENT? WHAT ABOUT CROP CIRCLES? OR AREA 51??
WISH FULFILLMENT AND HOAX! IF THERE WERE SUBSTANTIATED ALIEN LANDINGS, WE WOULDN'T BE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION!
BUT THERE'VE BEEN MASSIVE GOVERNMENT COVER-UPS SINCE 1947!! TH' AUTHORITIES DON'T WANT US TO KNOW TH' FACTS! THEY DON'T THINK WE'RE READY!
THAT'S A LOT OF CONSPIRACY BUFF HOGWASH! PARANOIA & SELF-DELUSION ARE TWIN HANDMAIDENS!
GRIFFY
3.25
WELL, I'VE SEEN THEM! THERE'S A LOT MORE TO TH' UNIVERSE THAN "LOGIC" & "SCIENCE"! THERE ARE ENTIRELY OTHER---
JUST ADMIT IT, VIZEEN.. YOU NEED TO BELIEVE IN ALIENS TO ESCAPE YOUR ALL-TOO-DREARY --UH--
YADA-YADA-YADA!!
WHSSHHT!!
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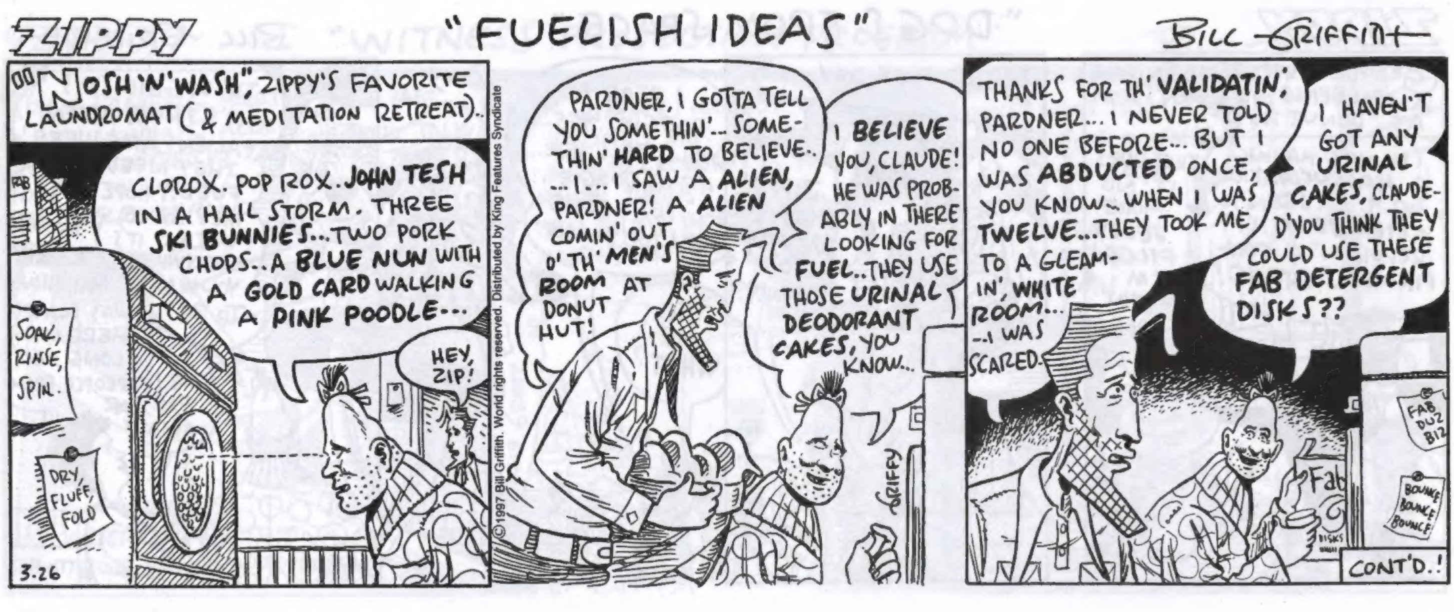
UHHH.. --- AS YOU WERE SPOUTING, OH LEARNED ONE...
UHHH.. .. YADA, YADA, YADA??
MORE!


ZIPPY
"FUELISH IDEAS"
BILL GRIFFITH
"NOSH 'N' WASH", ZIPPY'S FAVORITE LAUNDROMAT (& MEDITATION RETREAT)..
CLOROX. POP ROX. JOHN TESH IN A HAIL STORM. THREE SKI BUNNIES...TWO PORK CHOPS.. A BLUE NUN WITH A GOLD CARD WALKING A PINK POODLE...
HEY, ZIP!
FAB
SOAK, RINSE, SPIN.
DRY, FLUFF, FOLD
3.26
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PARDNER, I GOTTA TELL YOU SOMETHIN'.. SOMETHIN' HARD TO BELIEVE.. ...I...I SAW A ALIEN, PARDNER! A ALIEN COMIN' OUT O' TH' MEN'S ROOM AT DONUT HUT!
I BELIEVE YOU, CLAUDE! HE WAS PROBABLY IN THERE LOOKING FOR FUEL..THEY USE THOSE URINAL DEODORANT CAKES, YOU KNOW...
GRIFFY
THANKS FOR TH' VALIDATIN', PARDNER... I NEVER TOLD NO ONE BEFORE... BUT I WAS ABDUCTED ONCE, YOU KNOW.. WHEN I WAS TWELVE...THEY TOOK ME TO A GLEAMIN', WHITE ROOM... ..I WAS SCARED.
I HAVEN'T GOT ANY URINAL CAKES, CLAUDE-D'YOU THINK THEY COULD USE THESE FAB DETERGENT DISKS??
FAB DUZ BIZ
Fab DISKS
BOUNCE BOUNCE BOUNCE
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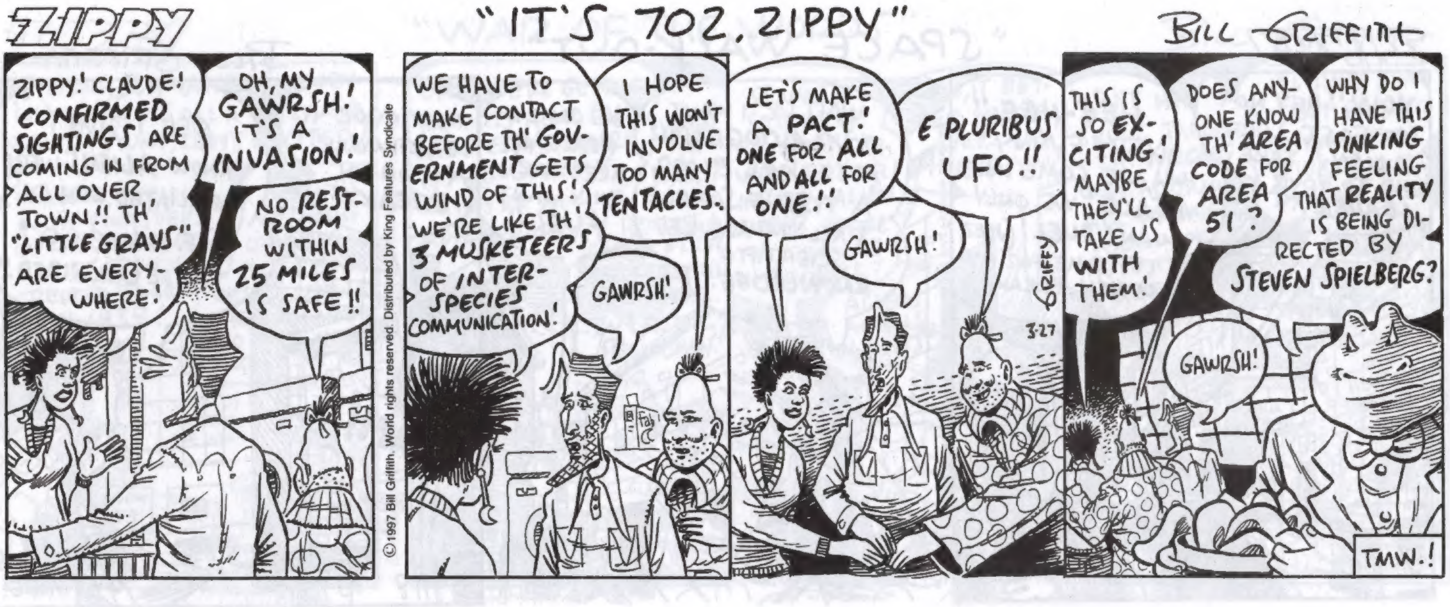
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"IT'S 702, ZIPPY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! CLAUDE! CONFIRMED SIGHTINGS ARE COMING IN FROM ALL OVER TOWN!! TH' "LITTLE GRAYS" ARE EVERYWHERE!
OH, MY GAWRSH! IT'S A INVASION!
NO REST-ROOM WITHIN 25 MILES IS SAFE!!
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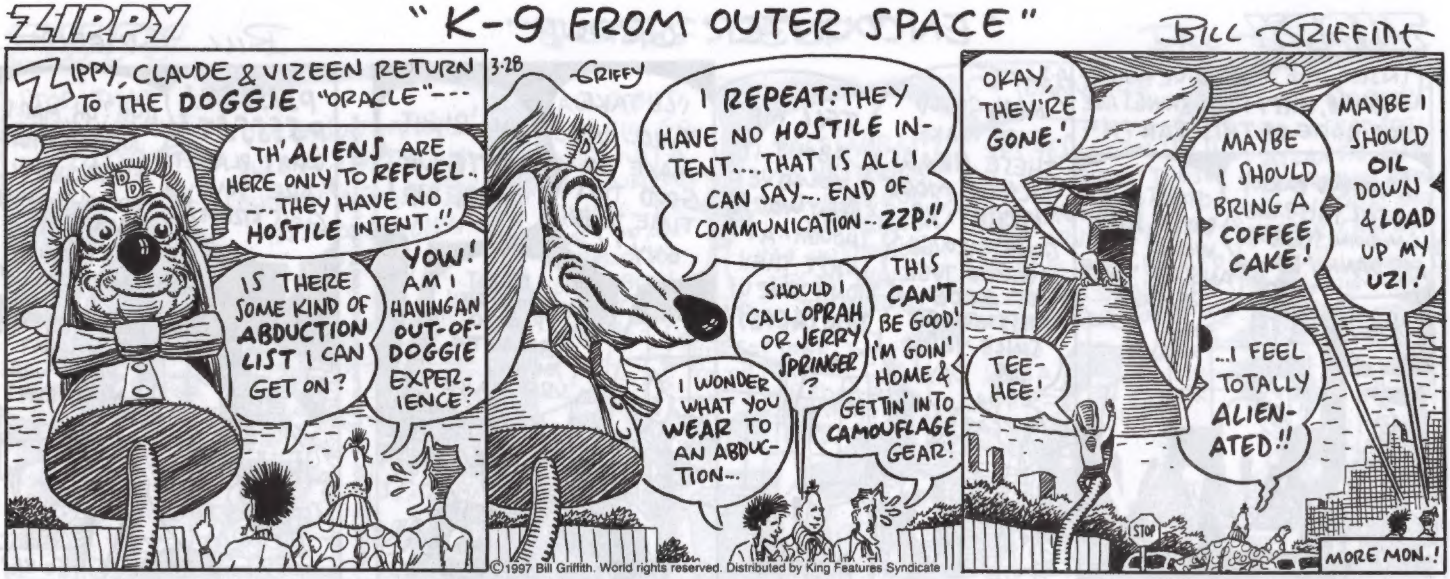
WE HAVE TO MAKE CONTACT BEFORE TH' GOVERNMENT GETS WIND OF THIS! WE'RE LIKE TH' 3 MUSKETEERS OF INTER-SPECIES COMMUNICATION!
I HOPE THIS WON'T INVOLVE TOO MANY TENTACLES..
GAWRSH!
LET'S MAKE A PACT! ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE!!
E PLURIBUS UFO!!
GAWRSH!
GRIFFY
3-27
THIS IS SO EXCITING! MAYBE THEY'LL TAKE US WITH THEM!
DOES ANYONE KNOW TH' AREA CODE FOR AREA 51?
WHY DO I HAVE THIS SINKING FEELING THAT REALITY IS BEING DIRECTED BY STEVEN SPIELBERG?
GAWRSH!
TMW.!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"K-9 FROM OUTER SPACE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, CLAUDE & VIZEEN RETURN TO THE DOGGIE "ORACLE"---
3-28
GRIFFY
TH' ALIENS ARE HERE ONLY TO REFUEL.. ..THEY HAVE NO HOSTILE INTENT!!
IS THERE SOME KIND OF ABDUCTION LIST I CAN GET ON?
YOW! AM I HAVING AN OUT-OF-DOGGIE EXPERIENCE?
I REPEAT: THEY HAVE NO HOSTILE INTENT....THAT IS ALL I CAN SAY... END OF COMMUNICATION..ZZP!!
SHOULD I CALL OPRAH OR JERRY SPRINGER?
THIS CAN'T BE GOOD! I'M GOIN' HOME & GETTIN' INTO CAMOUFLAGE GEAR!
I WONDER WHAT YOU WEAR TO AN ABDUCTION..
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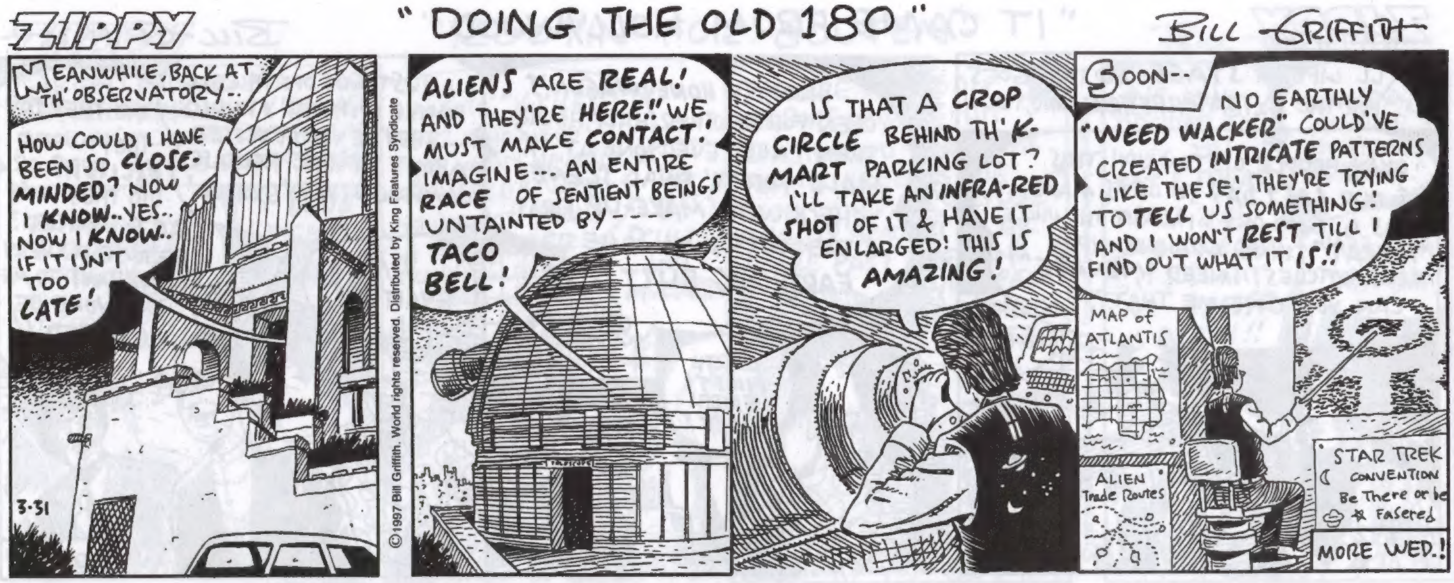
OKAY, THEY'RE GONE!
MAYBE I SHOULD BRING A COFFEE CAKE!
MAYBE I SHOULD OIL DOWN & LOAD UP MY UZI!
TEE-HEE!
...I FEEL TOTALLY ALIEN-ATED!!
STOP
MORE MON.!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"DOING THE OLD 180"
BILL GRIFFITH
MEANWHILE, BACK AT TH' OBSERVATORY..
HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO CLOSE-MINDED? NOW I KNOW..YES.. NOW I KNOW.. IF IT ISN'T TOO LATE!
3-31
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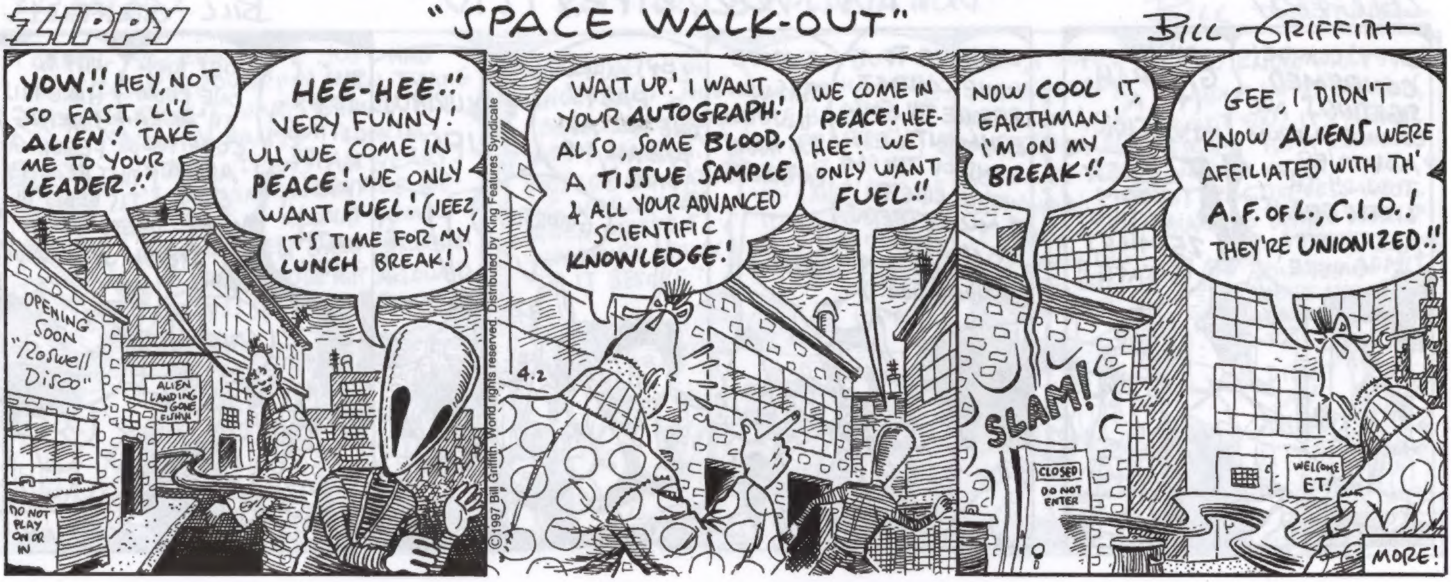
ALIENS ARE REAL! AND THEY'RE HERE!! WE MUST MAKE CONTACT! IMAGINE... AN ENTIRE RACE OF SENTIENT BEINGS UNTAINTED BY --- TACO BELL!
IS THAT A CROP CIRCLE BEHIND TH' K-MART PARKING LOT? I'LL TAKE AN INFRA-RED SHOT OF IT & HAVE IT ENLARGED! THIS IS AMAZING!
SOON--
NO EARTHLY "WEED WACKER" COULD'VE CREATED INTRICATE PATTERNS LIKE THESE! THEY'RE TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING! AND I WON'T REST TILL I FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!!
MAP of ATLANTIS
ALIEN Trade Routes
STAR TREK CONVENTION Be There or be Fasered
MORE WED.!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"SPACE WALK-OUT"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOW!! HEY, NOT SO FAST, LI'L ALIEN! TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER!!
HEE-HEE!! VERY FUNNY! UH, WE COME IN PEACE! WE ONLY WANT FUEL! (JEEZ, IT'S TIME FOR MY LUNCH BREAK!)
OPENING SOON "Roswell Disco"
ALIEN LANDING GONE FUNNY!
DO NOT PLAY ON OR IN
WAIT UP! I WANT YOUR AUTOGRAPH! ALSO, SOME BLOOD, A TISSUE SAMPLE & ALL YOUR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE!
WE COME IN PEACE! HEE-HEE! WE ONLY WANT FUEL!!
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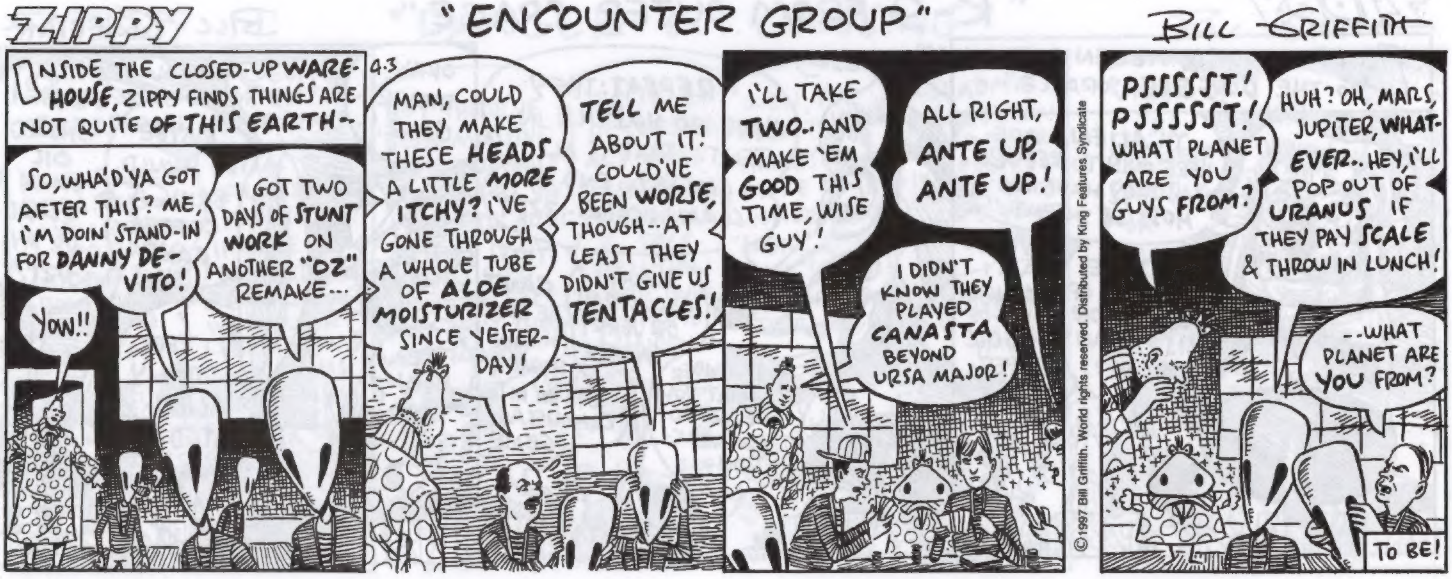
NOW COOL IT, EARTHMAN! I'M ON MY BREAK!!
SLAM!
CLOSED DO NOT ENTER
GEE, I DIDN'T KNOW ALIENS WERE AFFILIATED WITH TH' A.F. of L., C.I.O.! THEY'RE UNIONIZED!!
WELCOME ET!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"ENCOUNTER GROUP"
BILL GRIFFITH
INSIDE THE CLOSED-UP WAREHOUSE, ZIPPY FINDS THINGS ARE NOT QUITE OF THIS EARTH--
4.3
SO, WHA'D'YA GOT AFTER THIS? ME, I'M DOIN' STAND-IN FOR DANNY DE-VITO!
I GOT TWO DAYS OF STUNT WORK ON ANOTHER "OZ" REMAKE...
YOW!!
MAN, COULD THEY MAKE THESE HEADS A LITTLE MORE ITCHY? I'VE GONE THROUGH A WHOLE TUBE OF ALOE MOISTURIZER SINCE YESTERDAY!
TELL ME ABOUT IT! COULD'VE BEEN WORSE, THOUGH--AT LEAST THEY DIDN'T GIVE US TENTACLES!
I'LL TAKE TWO.. AND MAKE 'EM GOOD THIS TIME, WISE GUY!
ALL RIGHT, ANTE UP, ANTE UP!
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY PLAYED CANASTA BEYOND URSA MAJOR!
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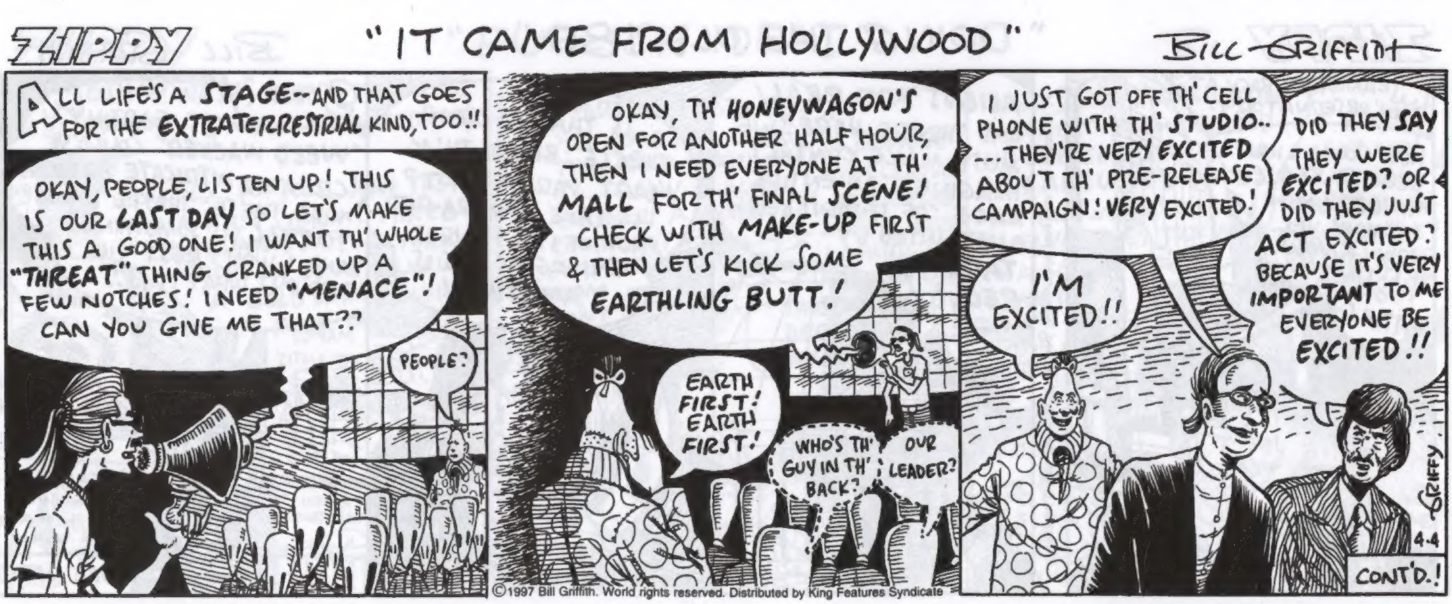
PSSSSST! PSSSSST! WHAT PLANET ARE YOU GUYS FROM?
HUH? OH, MARS, JUPITER, WHATEVER.. HEY, I'LL POP OUT OF URANUS IF THEY PAY SCALE & THROW IN LUNCH!
--WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM?
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"IT CAME FROM HOLLYWOOD"
BILL GRIFFITH
ALL LIFE'S A STAGE--AND THAT GOES FOR THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL KIND, TOO!!
OKAY, PEOPLE, LISTEN UP! THIS IS OUR LAST DAY SO LET'S MAKE THIS A GOOD ONE! I WANT TH' WHOLE "THREAT" THING CRANKED UP A FEW NOTCHES! I NEED "MENACE"! CAN YOU GIVE ME THAT??
PEOPLE?
OKAY, TH HONEYWAGON'S OPEN FOR ANOTHER HALF HOUR, THEN I NEED EVERYONE AT TH' MALL FOR TH' FINAL SCENE! CHECK WITH MAKE-UP FIRST & THEN LET'S KICK SOME EARTHLING BUTT!
EARTH FIRST! EARTH FIRST!
WHO'S TH' GUY IN TH' BACK?
OUR LEADER?
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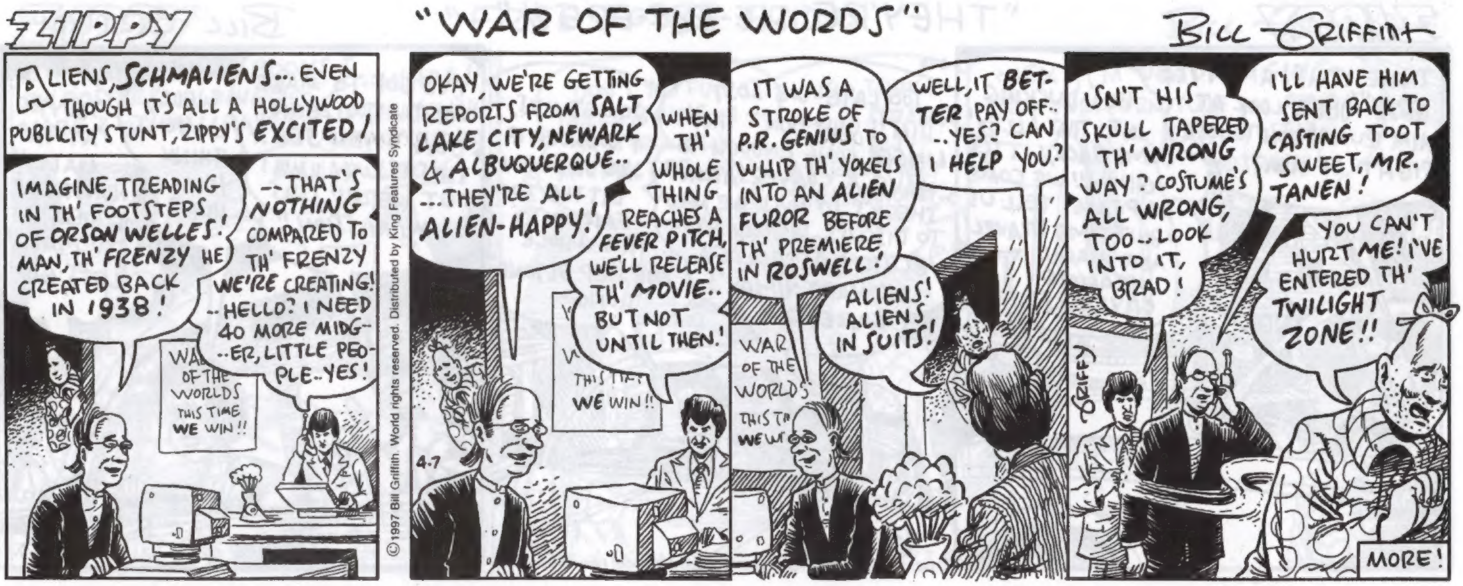
I JUST GOT OFF TH' CELL PHONE WITH TH' STUDIO.. ...THEY'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT TH' PRE-RELEASE CAMPAIGN! VERY EXCITED!
DID THEY SAY THEY WERE EXCITED? OR DID THEY JUST ACT EXCITED? BECAUSE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME EVERYONE BE EXCITED!!
I'M EXCITED!!
GRIFFY
4-4
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"WAR OF THE WORDS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ALIENS, SCHMALIENS... EVEN THOUGH IT'S ALL A HOLLYWOOD PUBLICITY STUNT, ZIPPY'S EXCITED!
IMAGINE, TREADING IN TH' FOOTSTEPS OF ORSON WELLES! MAN, TH' FRENZY HE CREATED BACK IN 1938!
--THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO TH' FRENZY WE'RE CREATING! --HELLO? I NEED 40 MORE MIDG- --ER, LITTLE PEOPLE.. YES!
WAR OF THE WORLDS THIS TIME WE WIN!!
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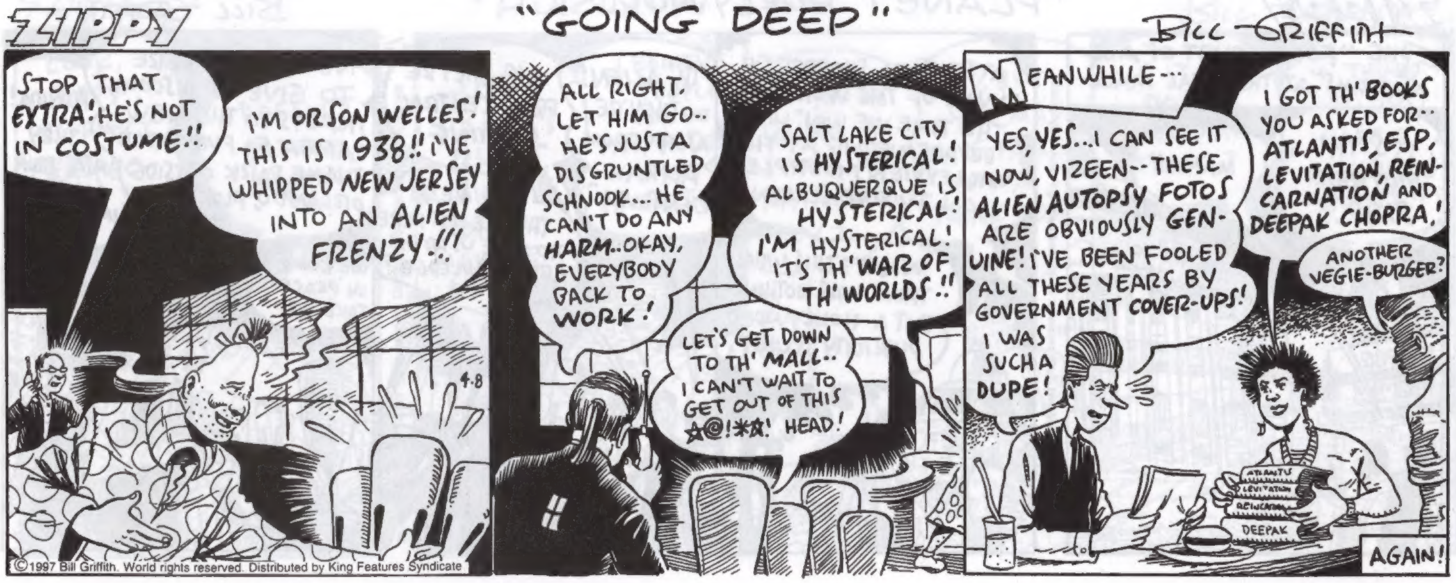
4-7
OKAY, WE'RE GETTING REPORTS FROM SALT LAKE CITY, NEWARK & ALBUQUERQUE.. ...THEY'RE ALL ALIEN-HAPPY!
WHEN TH' WHOLE THING REACHES A FEVER PITCH, WE'LL RELEASE TH' MOVIE.. BUT NOT UNTIL THEN!
THIS TI WE WIN!!
IT WAS A STROKE OF P.R. GENIUS TO WHIP TH' YOKELS INTO AN ALIEN FUROR BEFORE TH' PREMIERE IN ROSWELL!
WELL, IT BETTER PAY OFF.. ..YES? CAN I HELP YOU?
ALIENS! ALIENS IN SUITS!
WAR OF THE WORLDS THIS TI WE W
ISN'T HIS SKULL TAPERED TH' WRONG WAY? COSTUME'S ALL WRONG, TOO.. LOOK INTO IT, BRAD!
I'LL HAVE HIM SENT BACK TO CASTING TOOT SWEET, MR. TANEN!
YOU CAN'T HURT ME! I'VE ENTERED TH' TWILIGHT ZONE!!
GRIFFY
MORE!


ZIPPY
"GOING DEEP"
BILL GRIFFITH
STOP THAT EXTRA! HE'S NOT IN COSTUME!!
I'M ORSON WELLES! THIS IS 1938!! I'VE WHIPPED NEW JERSEY INTO AN ALIEN FRENZY!!!
4-8
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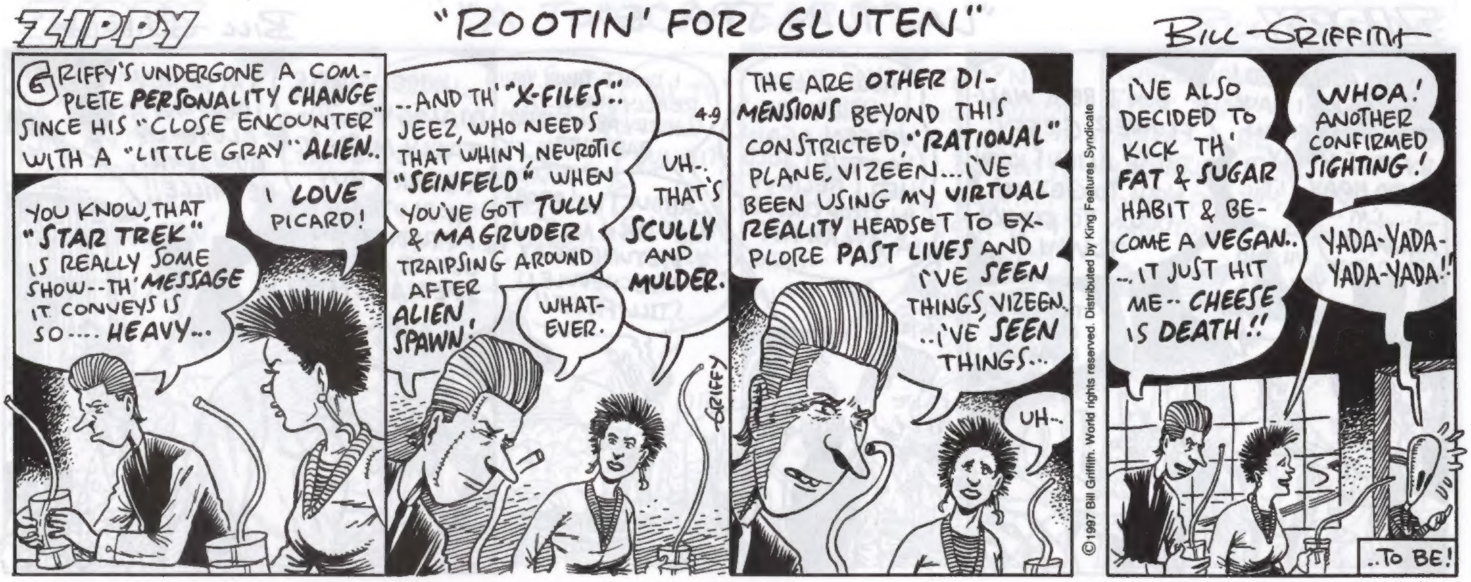
ALL RIGHT. LET HIM GO.. HE'S JUST A DISGRUNTLED SCHNOOK... HE CAN'T DO ANY HARM.. OKAY, EVERYBODY BACK TO WORK!
SALT LAKE CITY IS HYSTERICAL! ALBUQUERQUE IS HYSTERICAL! I'M HYSTERICAL! IT'S TH' WAR OF TH' WORLDS!!
LET'S GET DOWN TO TH' MALL.. I CAN'T WAIT TO GET OUT OF THIS ☆@!✱✱! HEAD!
MEANWHILE---
YES, YES... I CAN SEE IT NOW, VIZEEN-- THESE ALIEN AUTOPSY FOTOS ARE OBVIOUSLY GENUINE! I'VE BEEN FOOLED ALL THESE YEARS BY GOVERNMENT COVER-UPS! I WAS SUCH A DUPE!
I GOT TH' BOOKS YOU ASKED FOR- ATLANTIS, ESP, LEVITATION, REINCARNATION AND DEEPAK CHOPRA!
ANOTHER VEGIE-BURGER?
ATLANTIS
LEVITATION
REINCARN
DEEPAK
AGAIN!


ZIPPY
"ROOTIN' FOR GLUTEN"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY'S UNDERGONE A COMPLETE PERSONALITY CHANGE SINCE HIS "CLOSE ENCOUNTER" WITH A "LITTLE GRAY" ALIEN..
YOU KNOW, THAT "STAR TREK" IS REALLY SOME SHOW--TH' MESSAGE IT CONVEYS IS SO.... HEAVY...
I LOVE PICARD!
..AND TH' "X-FILES"!! JEEZ, WHO NEEDS THAT WHINY, NEUROTIC "SEINFELD" WHEN YOU'VE GOT TULLY & MAGRUDER TRAIPSING AROUND AFTER ALIEN SPAWN!
4-9
UH.. THAT'S SCULLY AND MULDER.
WHATEVER.
GRIFFY
THE ARE OTHER DIMENSIONS BEYOND THIS CONSTRICTED, "RATIONAL" PLANE, VIZEEN... I'VE BEEN USING MY VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSET TO EXPLORE PAST LIVES AND I'VE SEEN THINGS, VIZEEN ..I'VE SEEN THINGS...
UH..
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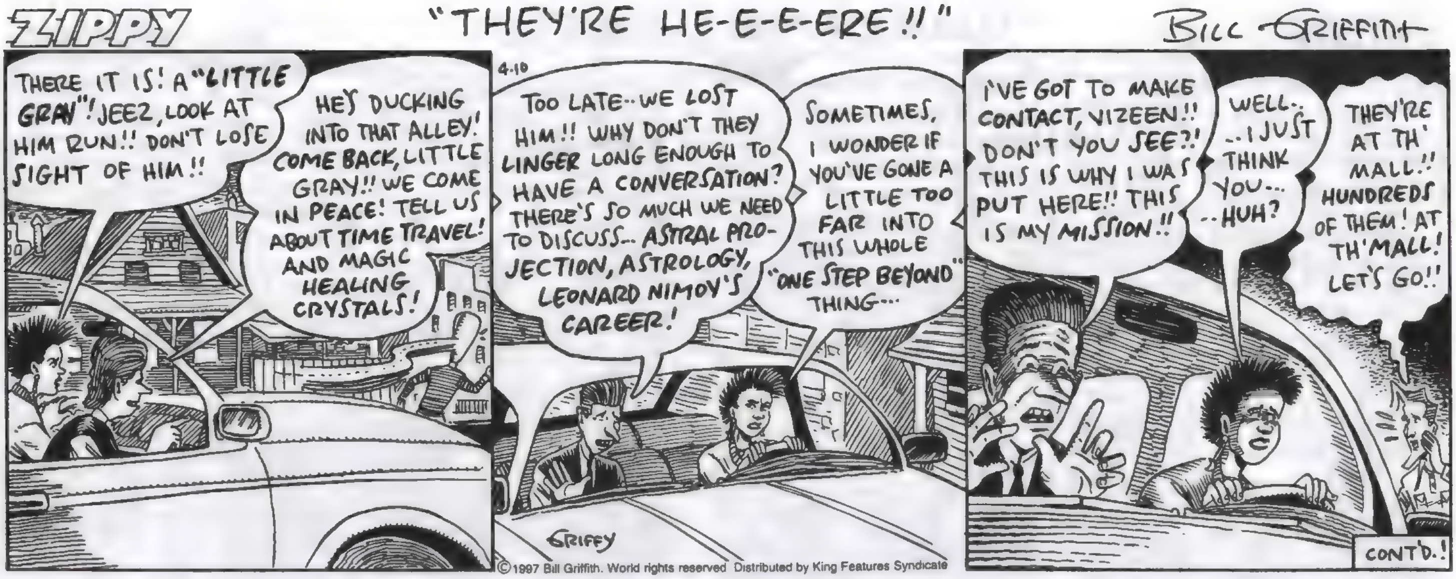
I'VE ALSO DECIDED TO KICK TH' FAT & SUGAR HABIT & BECOME A VEGAN.. ..IT JUST HIT ME-- CHEESE IS DEATH!!
WHOA! ANOTHER CONFIRMED SIGHTING!
YADA-YADA-YADA-YADA!!
..TO BE!


ZIPPY
"THEY'RE HE-E-E-ERE!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
THERE IT IS! A "LITTLE GRAY"! JEEZ, LOOK AT HIM RUN!! DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF HIM!!
HE'S DUCKING INTO THAT ALLEY! COME BACK, LITTLE GRAY!! WE COME IN PEACE! TELL US ABOUT TIME TRAVEL! AND MAGIC HEALING CRYSTALS!
4-10
TOO LATE.. WE LOST HIM!! WHY DON'T THEY LINGER LONG ENOUGH TO HAVE A CONVERSATION? THERE'S SO MUCH WE NEED TO DISCUSS... ASTRAL PROJECTION, ASTROLOGY, LEONARD NIMOY'S CAREER!
SOMETIMES, I WONDER IF YOU'VE GONE A LITTLE TOO FAR INTO THIS WHOLE "ONE STEP BEYOND" THING...
GRIFFY
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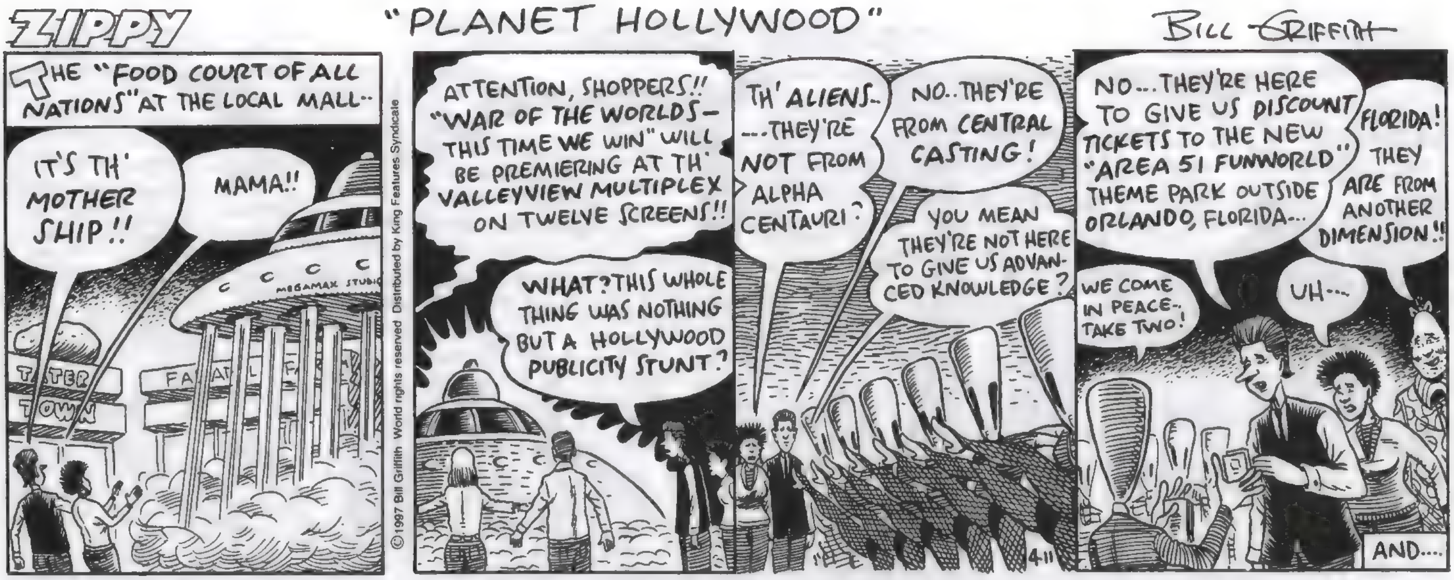
I'VE GOT TO MAKE CONTACT, VIZEEN!! DON'T YOU SEE?! THIS IS WHY I WAS PUT HERE!! THIS IS MY MISSION!!
WELL.. ..I JUST THINK YOU... ..HUH?
THEY'RE AT TH' MALL!! HUNDREDS OF THEM! AT TH' MALL! LET'S GO!!
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"PLANET HOLLYWOOD"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE "FOOD COURT OF ALL NATIONS" AT THE LOCAL MALL..
IT'S TH' MOTHER SHIP!!
MAMA!!
MEGAMAX STUDIOS
TATER TOWN
FALAFEL
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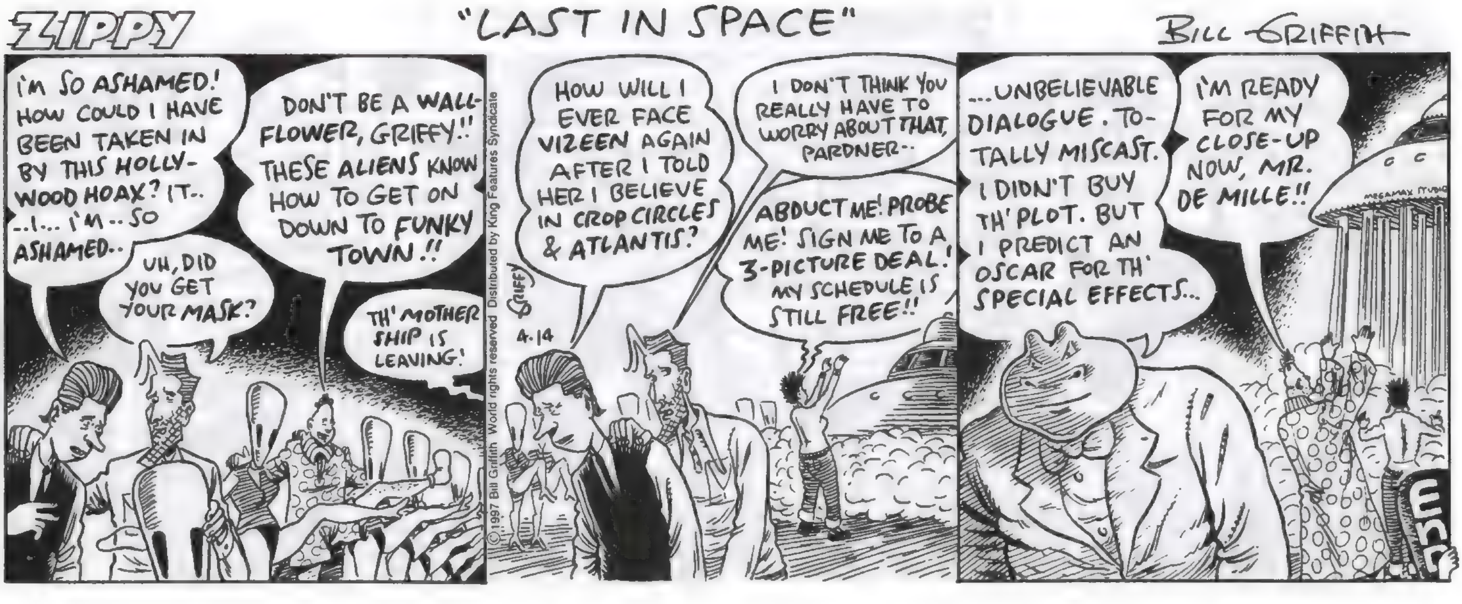
ATTENTION, SHOPPERS!! "WAR OF THE WORLDS— THIS TIME WE WIN" WILL BE PREMIERING AT TH' VALLEYVIEW MULTIPLEX ON TWELVE SCREENS!!
WHAT? THIS WHOLE THING WAS NOTHING BUT A HOLLYWOOD PUBLICITY STUNT?
TH' ALIENS.. ...THEY'RE NOT FROM ALPHA CENTAURI?
NO.. THEY'RE FROM CENTRAL CASTING!
YOU MEAN THEY'RE NOT HERE TO GIVE US ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE?
4-11
NO... THEY'RE HERE TO GIVE US DISCOUNT TICKETS TO THE NEW "AREA 51 FUNWORLD" THEME PARK OUTSIDE ORLANDO, FLORIDA...
FLORIDA! THEY ARE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!!
WE COME IN PEACE.. TAKE TWO!
UH...
AND....


ZIPPY
"LAST IN SPACE"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M SO ASHAMED! HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN BY THIS HOLLYWOOD HOAX? IT.. ..I... I'M.. SO ASHAMED..
DON'T BE A WALLFLOWER, GRIFFY!! THESE ALIENS KNOW HOW TO GET ON DOWN TO FUNKY TOWN!!
UH, DID YOU GET YOUR MASK?
TH' MOTHER SHIP IS LEAVING!
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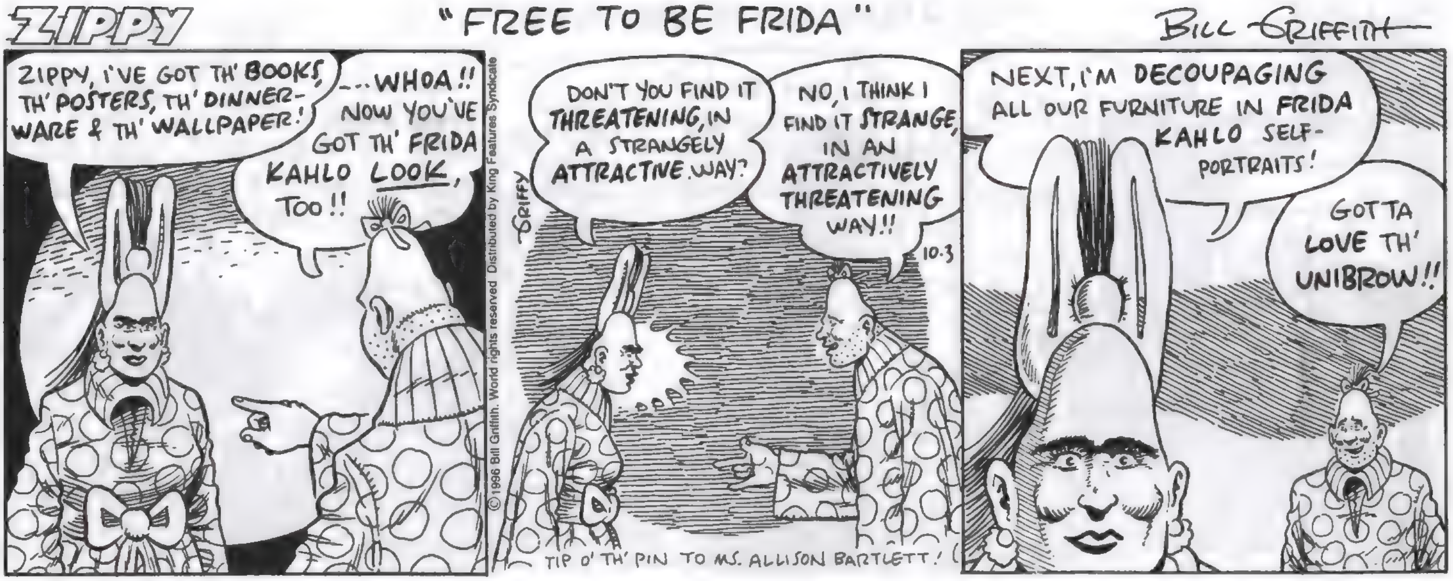
GRIFFY
4-14
HOW WILL I EVER FACE VIZEEN AGAIN AFTER I TOLD HER I BELIEVE IN CROP CIRCLES & ATLANTIS?
I DON'T THINK YOU REALLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, PARDNER..
ABDUCT ME! PROBE ME! SIGN ME TO A 3-PICTURE DEAL! MY SCHEDULE IS STILL FREE!!
...UNBELIEVABLE DIALOGUE. TOTALLY MISCAST. I DIDN'T BUY TH' PLOT. BUT I PREDICT AN OSCAR FOR TH' SPECIAL EFFECTS...
I'M READY FOR MY CLOSE-UP NOW, MR. DE MILLE!!
MEGAMAX STUDIOS
END


ZIPPY
"FREE TO BE FRIDA"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, I'VE GOT TH' BOOKS, TH' POSTERS, TH' DINNERWARE & TH' WALLPAPER!
...WHOA!! NOW YOU'VE GOT TH' FRIDA KAHLO LOOK, TOO!!
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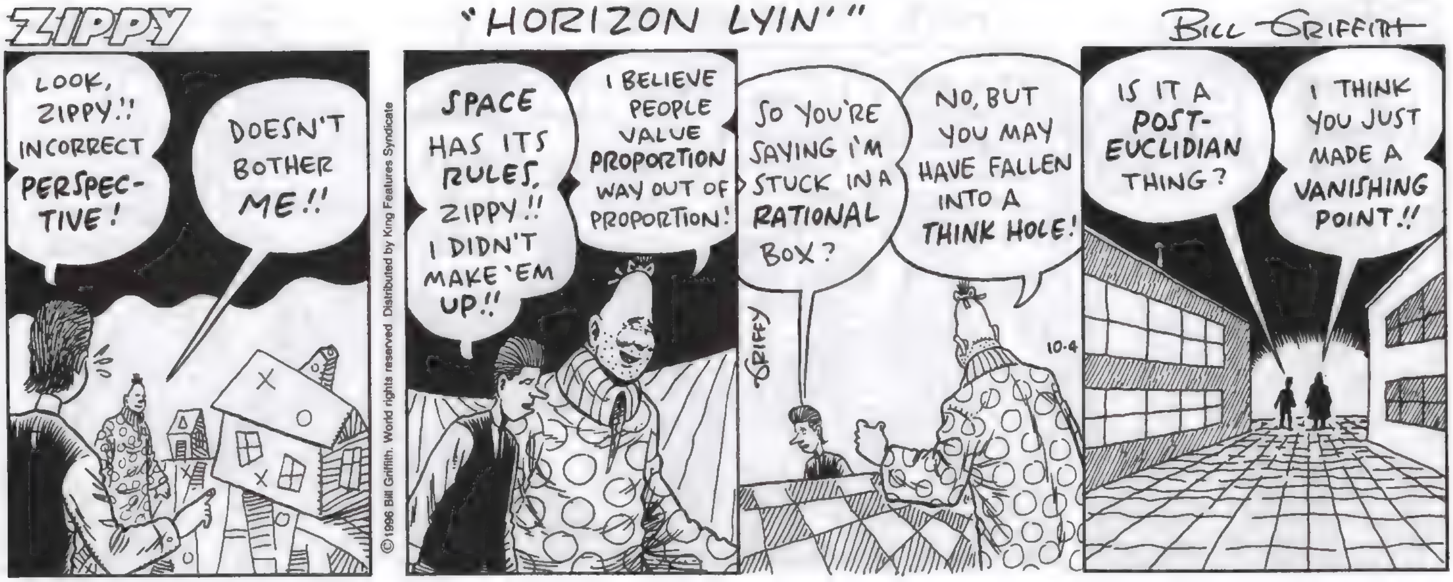
DON'T YOU FIND IT THREATENING, IN A STRANGELY ATTRACTIVE WAY?
NO, I THINK I FIND IT STRANGE, IN AN ATTRACTIVELY THREATENING WAY!!
GRIFFY
10-3
TIP O' TH' PIN TO MS. ALLISON BARTLETT!
NEXT, I'M DECOUPAGING ALL OUR FURNITURE IN FRIDA KAHLO SELF-PORTRAITS!
GOTTA LOVE TH' UNIBROW!!


ZIPPY
"HORIZON LYIN'"
BILL GRIFFITH
LOOK, ZIPPY!! INCORRECT PERSPECTIVE!
DOESN'T BOTHER ME!!
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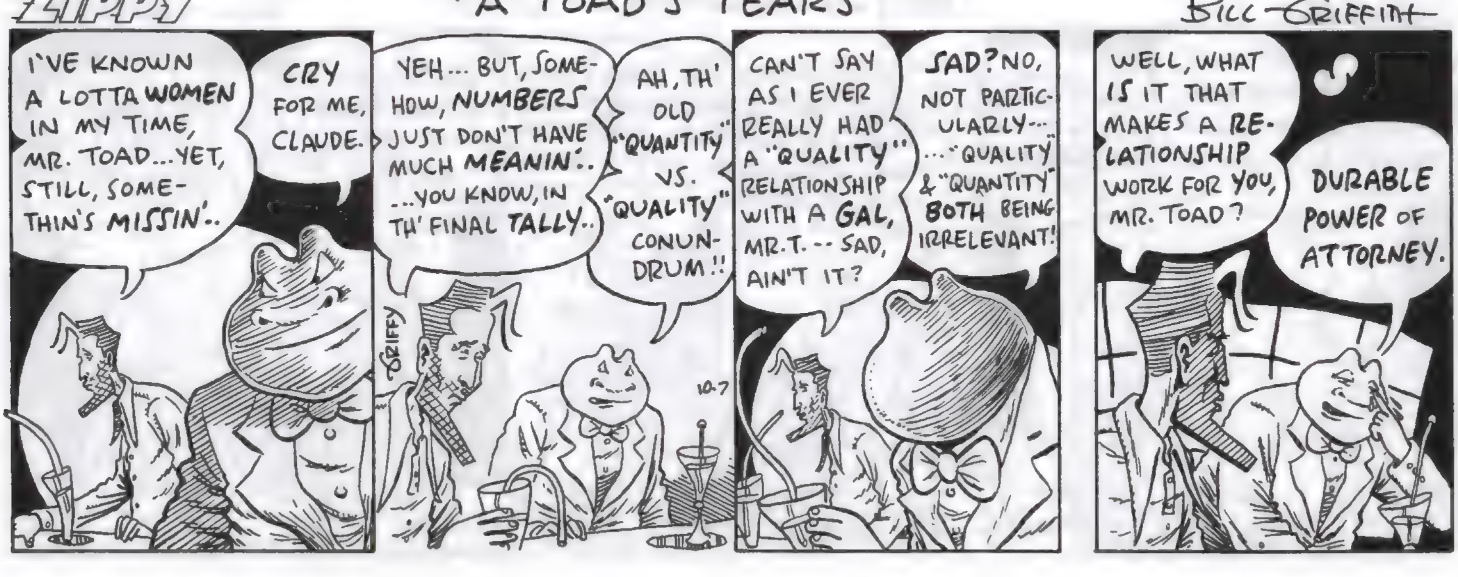
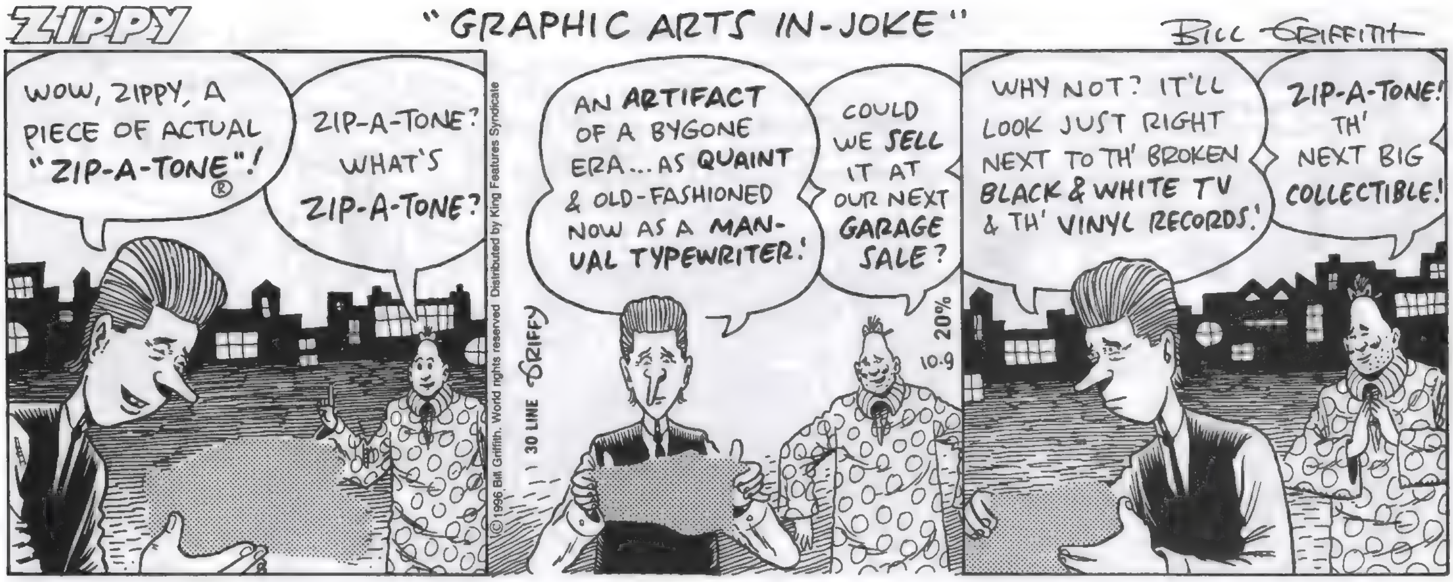
SPACE HAS ITS RULES, ZIPPY!! I DIDN'T MAKE 'EM UP!!
I BELIEVE PEOPLE VALUE PROPORTION WAY OUT OF PROPORTION!
SO YOU'RE SAYING I'M STUCK IN A RATIONAL BOX?
NO, BUT YOU MAY HAVE FALLEN INTO A THINK HOLE!
GRIFFY
10-4
IS IT A POST-EUCLIDIAN THING?
I THINK YOU JUST MADE A VANISHING POINT!!


ZIPPY
"A TOAD'S TEARS"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'VE KNOWN A LOTTA WOMEN IN MY TIME, MR. TOAD...YET, STILL, SOMETHIN'S MISSIN'..
CRY FOR ME, CLAUDE.
YEH... BUT, SOMEHOW, NUMBERS JUST DON'T HAVE MUCH MEANIN'.. ...YOU KNOW, IN TH' FINAL TALLY..
AH, TH' OLD "QUANTITY" VS. "QUALITY" CONUNDRUM!!
GRIFFY
10-7
CAN'T SAY AS I EVER REALLY HAD A "QUALITY" RELATIONSHIP WITH A GAL, MR. T. -- SAD, AIN'T IT?
SAD? NO, NOT PARTICULARLY... ..."QUALITY" & "QUANTITY" BOTH BEING IRRELEVANT!
WELL, WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES A RELATIONSHIP WORK FOR YOU, MR. TOAD?
DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY.


ZIPPY
"GRAPHIC ARTS IN-JOKE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WOW, ZIPPY, A PIECE OF ACTUAL "ZIP-A-TONE"®!
ZIP-A-TONE? WHAT'S ZIP-A-TONE?
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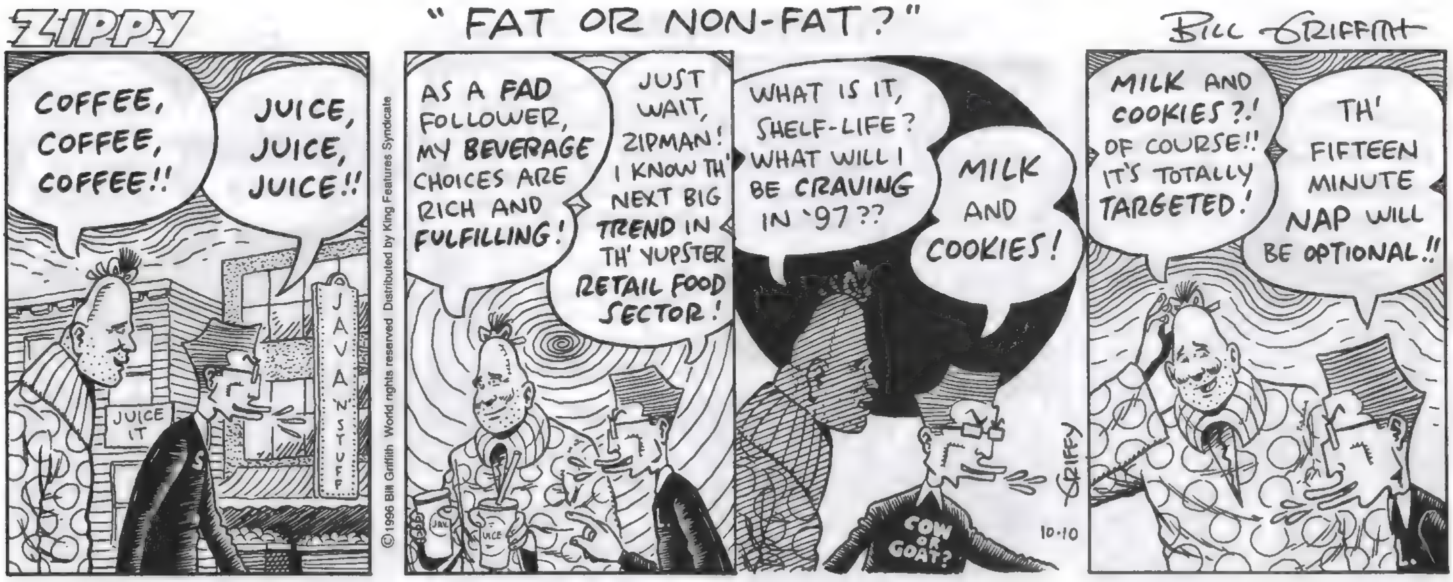
30 LINE
GRIFFY
20%
10-9
AN ARTIFACT OF A BYGONE ERA... AS QUAINT & OLD-FASHIONED NOW AS A MANUAL TYPEWRITER!
COULD WE SELL IT AT OUR NEXT GARAGE SALE?
WHY NOT? IT'LL LOOK JUST RIGHT NEXT TO TH' BROKEN BLACK & WHITE TV & TH' VINYL RECORDS!
ZIP-A-TONE! TH' NEXT BIG COLLECTIBLE!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"FAT OR NON-FAT?"
BILL GRIFFITH
COFFEE, COFFEE, COFFEE!!
JUICE, JUICE, JUICE!!
JUICE IT
JAVA N' STUFF
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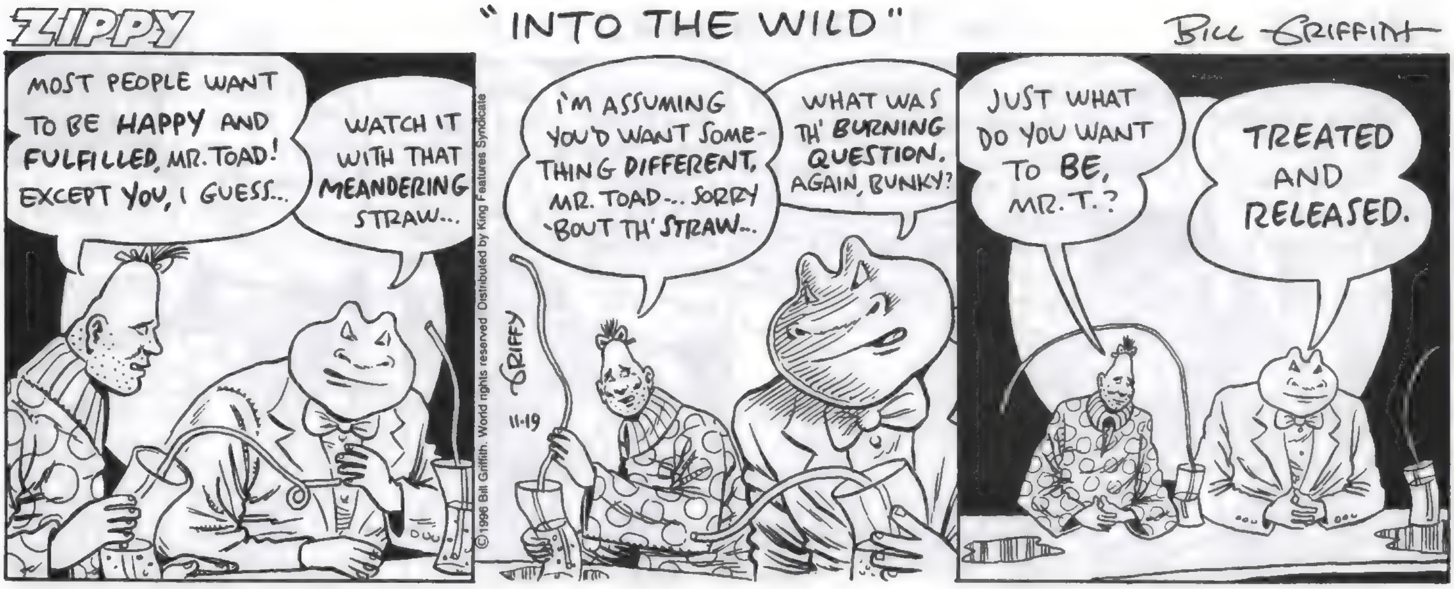
AS A FAD FOLLOWER, MY BEVERAGE CHOICES ARE RICH AND FULFILLING!
JUST WAIT, ZIPMAN! I KNOW TH' NEXT BIG TREND IN TH' YUPSTER RETAIL FOOD SECTOR!
WHAT IS IT, SHELF-LIFE? WHAT WILL I BE CRAVING IN '97??
MILK AND COOKIES!
COW OR GOAT?
GRIFFY
10-10
MILK AND COOKIES?! OF COURSE!! IT'S TOTALLY TARGETED!
TH' FIFTEEN MINUTE NAP WILL BE OPTIONAL!!


ZIPPY
"INTO THE WILD"
BILL GRIFFITH
MOST PEOPLE WANT TO BE HAPPY AND FULFILLED, MR. TOAD! EXCEPT YOU, I GUESS...
WATCH IT WITH THAT MEANDERING STRAW...
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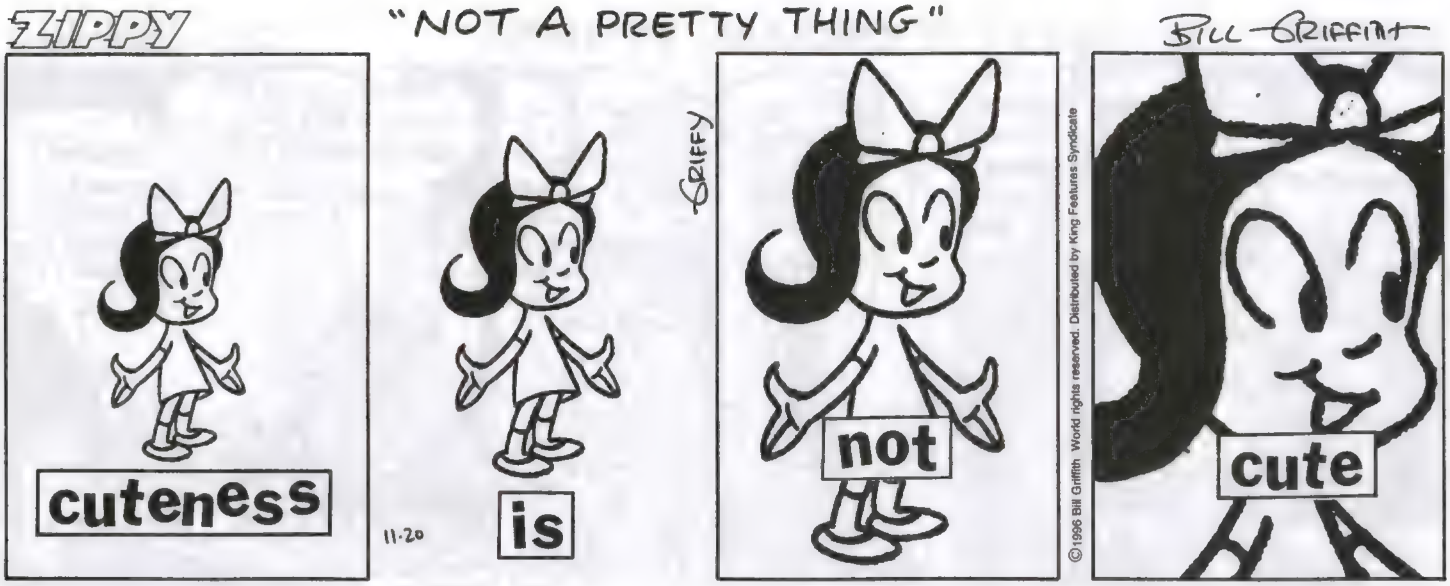
GRIFFY
11-19
I'M ASSUMING YOU'D WANT SOMETHING DIFFERENT, MR. TOAD... SORRY 'BOUT TH' STRAW...
WHAT WAS TH' BURNING QUESTION, AGAIN, BUNKY?
JUST WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE, MR. T.?
TREATED AND RELEASED.


ZIPPY
"NOT A PRETTY THING"
BILL GRIFFITH
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GRIFFY
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cute
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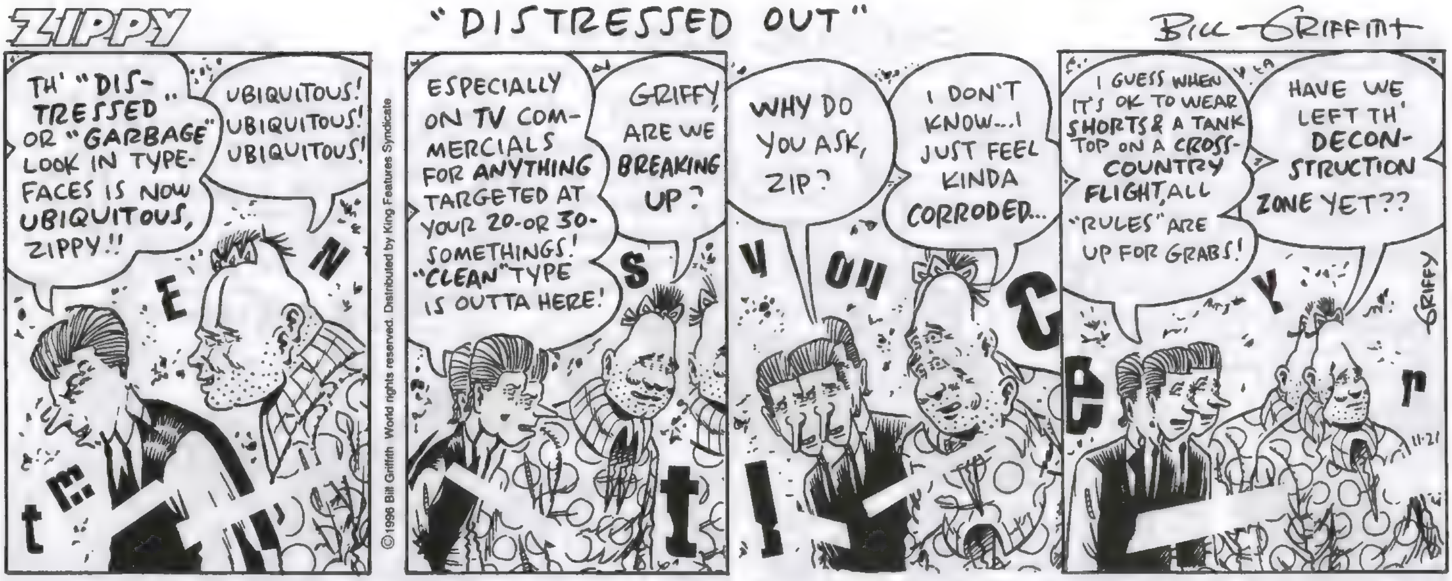
ZIPPY
"DISTRESSED OUT"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' "DISTRESSED" OR "GARBAGE" LOOK IN TYPEFACES IS NOW UBIQUITOUS, ZIPPY!!
UBIQUITOUS! UBIQUITOUS! UBIQUITOUS!
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t
ESPECIALLY ON TV COMMERCIALS FOR ANYTHING TARGETED AT YOUR 20-OR 30-SOMETHINGS! "CLEAN" TYPE IS OUTTA HERE!
GRIFFY, ARE WE BREAKING UP?
S
t
WHY DO YOU ASK, ZIP?
I DON'T KNOW...I JUST FEEL KINDA CORRODED...
V
OU
C
!
I GUESS WHEN IT'S OK TO WEAR SHORTS & A TANK TOP ON A CROSS-COUNTRY FLIGHT, ALL "RULES" ARE UP FOR GRABS!
HAVE WE LEFT TH' DECONSTRUCTION ZONE YET??
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GRIFFY
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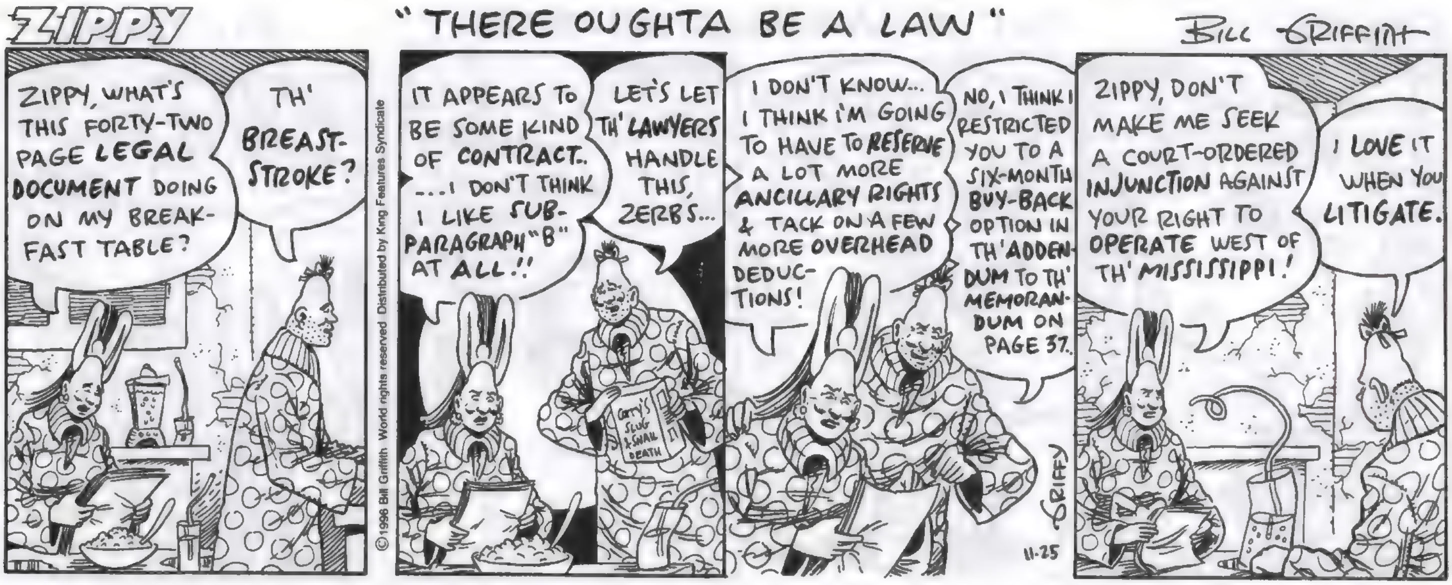
ZIPPY
"THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WHAT'S THIS FORTY-TWO PAGE LEGAL DOCUMENT DOING ON MY BREAKFAST TABLE?
TH' BREAST-STROKE?
IT APPEARS TO BE SOME KIND OF CONTRACT... ...I DON'T THINK I LIKE SUB-PARAGRAPH "B" AT ALL!!
LET'S LET TH' LAWYERS HANDLE THIS, ZERBS...
CORRY'S SLUG & SNAIL DEATH
I DON'T KNOW... I THINK I'M GOING TO HAVE TO RESERVE A LOT MORE ANCILLARY RIGHTS & TACK ON A FEW MORE OVERHEAD DEDUCTIONS!
NO, I THINK I RESTRICTED YOU TO A SIX-MONTH BUY-BACK OPTION IN TH' ADDENDUM TO TH' MEMORANDUM ON PAGE 37.
GRIFFY
11-25
ZIPPY, DON'T MAKE ME SEEK A COURT-ORDERED INJUNCTION AGAINST YOUR RIGHT TO OPERATE WEST OF TH' MISSISSIPPI!
I LOVE IT WHEN YOU LITIGATE.
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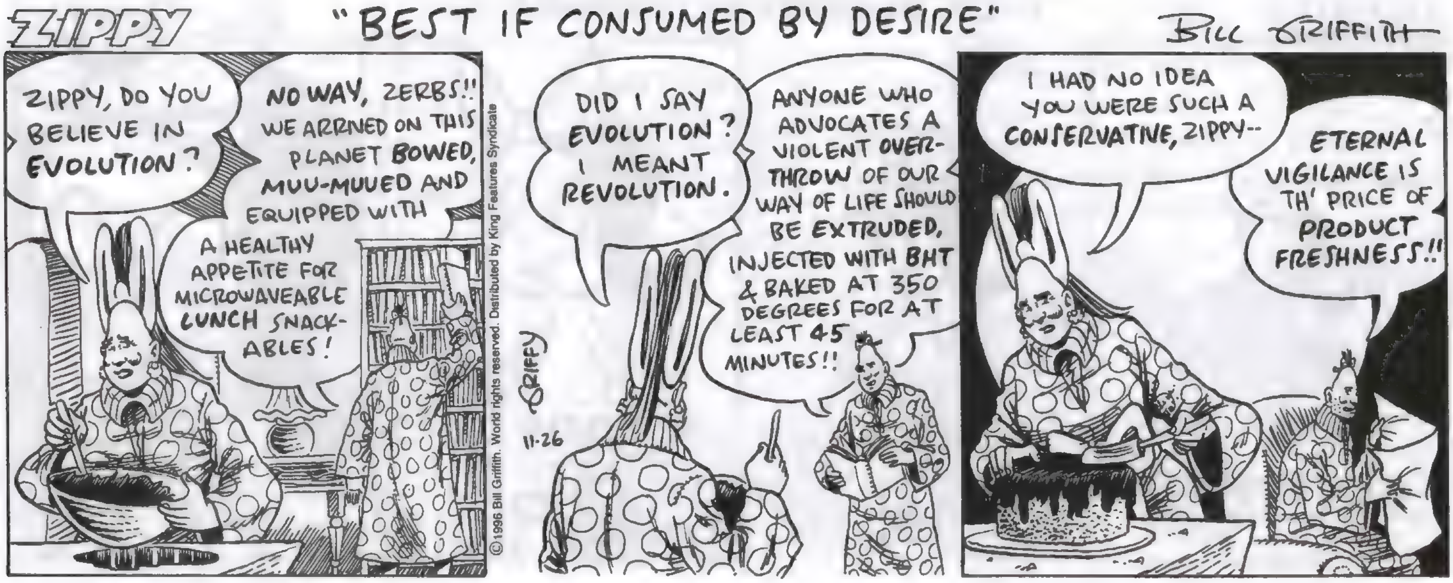
ZIPPY
"BEST IF CONSUMED BY DESIRE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DO YOU BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION?
NO WAY, ZERBS!! WE ARRIVED ON THIS PLANET BOWED, MUU-MUUED AND EQUIPPED WITH
A HEALTHY APPETITE FOR MICROWAVEABLE LUNCH SNACK-ABLES!
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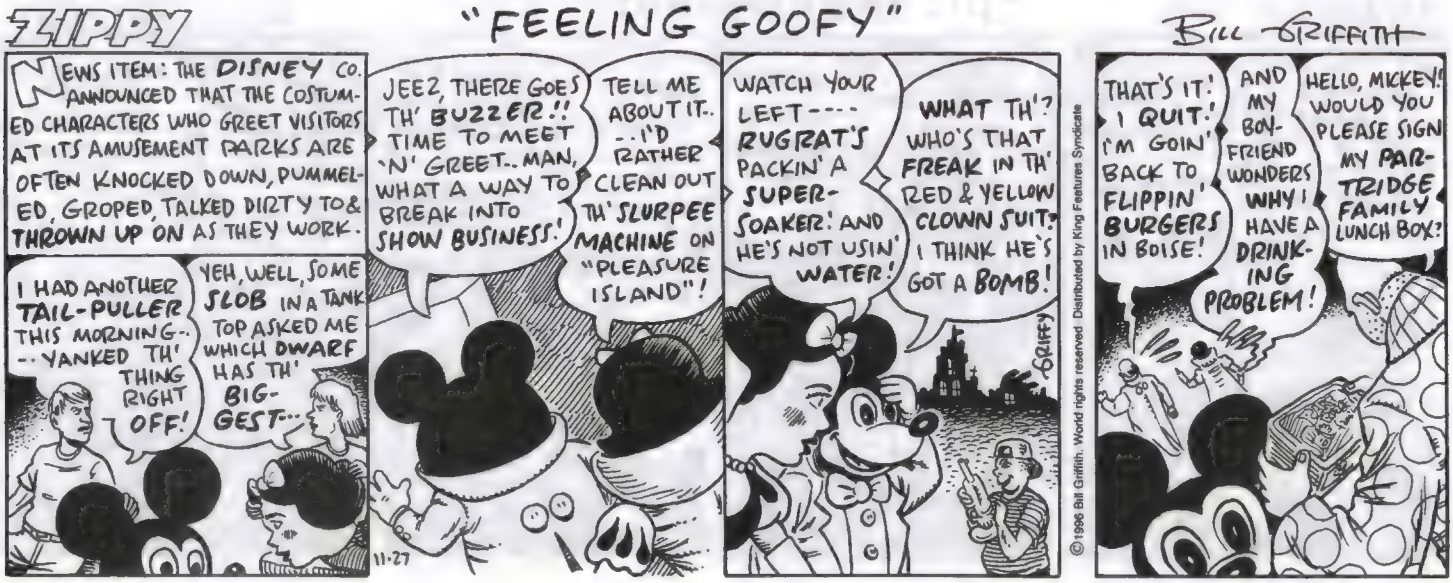
GRIFFY
11-26
DID I SAY EVOLUTION? I MEANT REVOLUTION.
ANYONE WHO ADVOCATES A VIOLENT OVER-THROW OF OUR WAY OF LIFE SHOULD BE EXTRUDED, INJECTED WITH BHT & BAKED AT 350 DEGREES FOR AT LEAST 45 MINUTES!!
I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE SUCH A CONSERVATIVE, ZIPPY--
ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS TH' PRICE OF PRODUCT FRESHNESS!!


ZIPPY
"FEELING GOOFY"
BILL GRIFFITH
NEWS ITEM: THE DISNEY CO. ANNOUNCED THAT THE COSTUMED CHARACTERS WHO GREET VISITORS AT ITS AMUSEMENT PARKS ARE OFTEN KNOCKED DOWN, PUMMELED, GROPED, TALKED DIRTY TO & THROWN UP ON AS THEY WORK.
I HAD ANOTHER TAIL-PULLER THIS MORNING.. --YANKED TH' THING RIGHT OFF!
YEH, WELL, SOME SLOB IN A TANK TOP ASKED ME WHICH DWARF HAS TH' BIG-GEST...
JEEZ, THERE GOES TH' BUZZER!! TIME TO MEET 'N' GREET.. MAN, WHAT A WAY TO BREAK INTO SHOW BUSINESS!
TELL ME ABOUT IT.. --I'D RATHER CLEAN OUT TH' SLURPEE MACHINE ON "PLEASURE ISLAND"!
11-27
WATCH YOUR LEFT---- RUGRAT'S PACKIN' A SUPER-SOAKER! AND HE'S NOT USIN' WATER!
WHAT TH'? WHO'S THAT FREAK IN TH' RED & YELLOW CLOWN SUIT? I THINK HE'S GOT A BOMB!
GRIFFY
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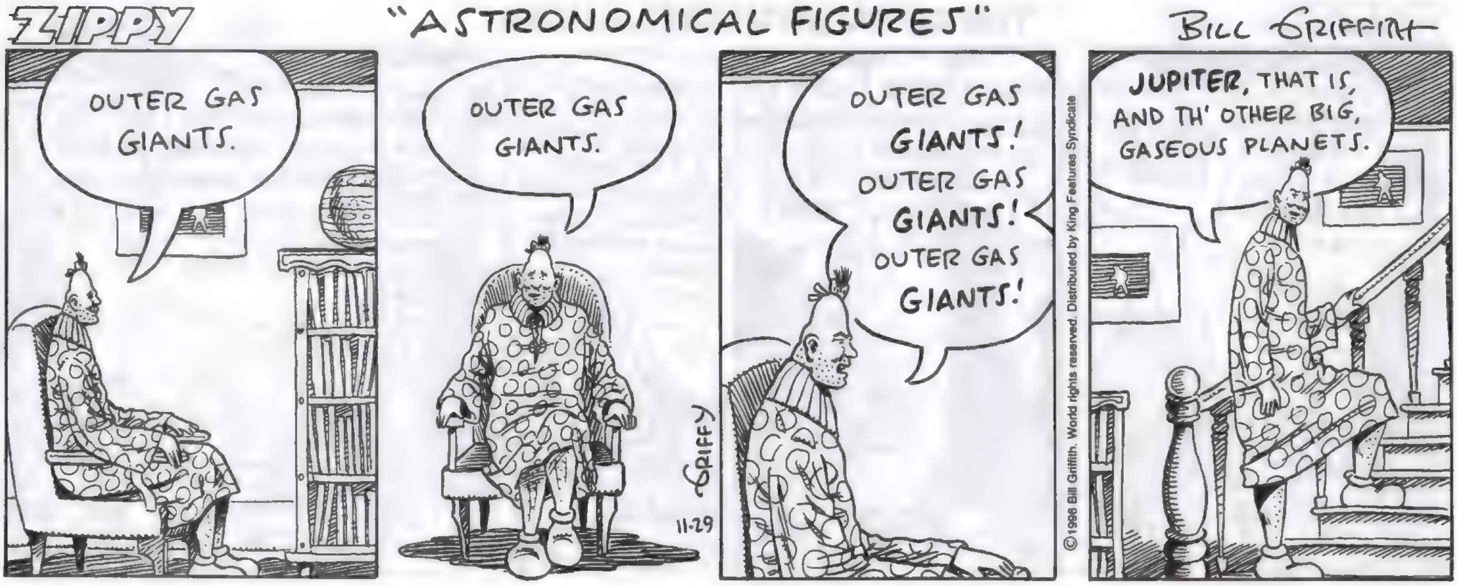
THAT'S IT! I QUIT! I'M GOIN' BACK TO FLIPPIN' BURGERS IN BOISE!
AND MY BOY-FRIEND WONDERS WHY I HAVE A DRINK-ING PROBLEM!
HELLO, MICKEY! WOULD YOU PLEASE SIGN MY PAR-TRIDGE FAMILY LUNCH BOX?


ZIPPY
"ASTRONOMICAL FIGURES"
BILL GRIFFITH
OUTER GAS GIANTS.
OUTER GAS GIANTS.
GRIFFY
11-29
OUTER GAS GIANTS! OUTER GAS GIANTS! OUTER GAS GIANTS!
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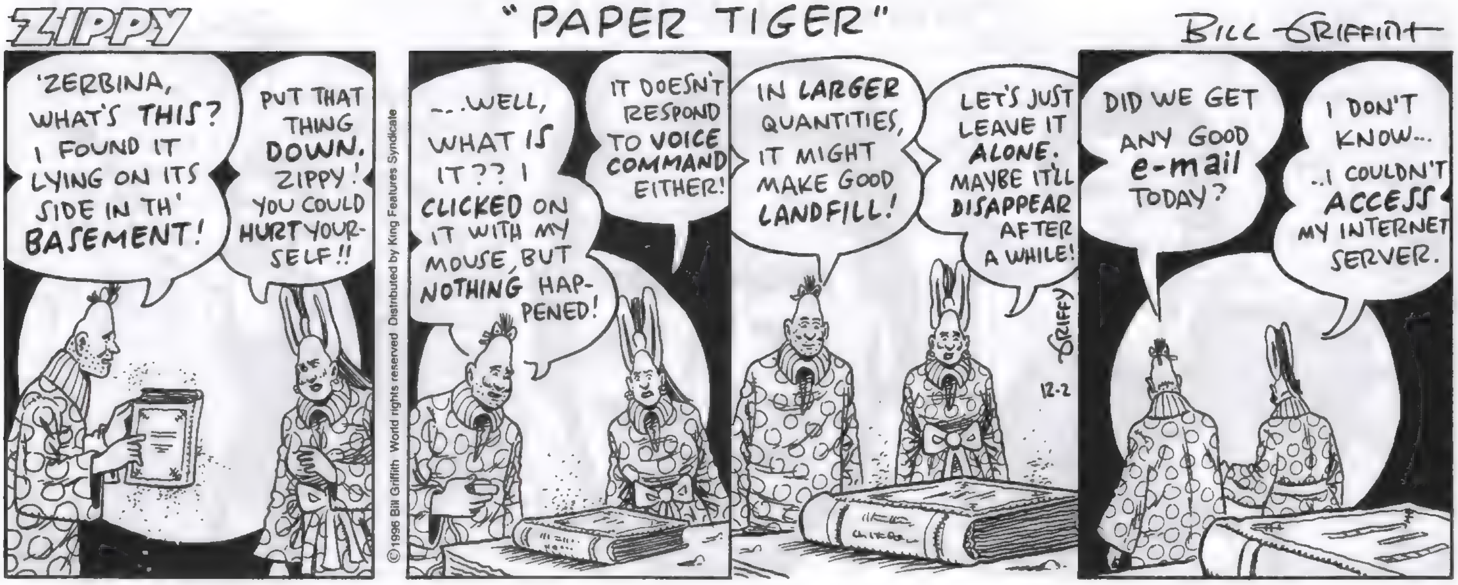
JUPITER, THAT IS, AND TH' OTHER BIG, GASEOUS PLANETS.


ZIPPY
"PAPER TIGER"
BILL GRIFFITH
'ZERBINA, WHAT'S THIS? I FOUND IT LYING ON ITS SIDE IN TH' BASEMENT!
PUT THAT THING DOWN, ZIPPY! YOU COULD HURT YOURSELF!!
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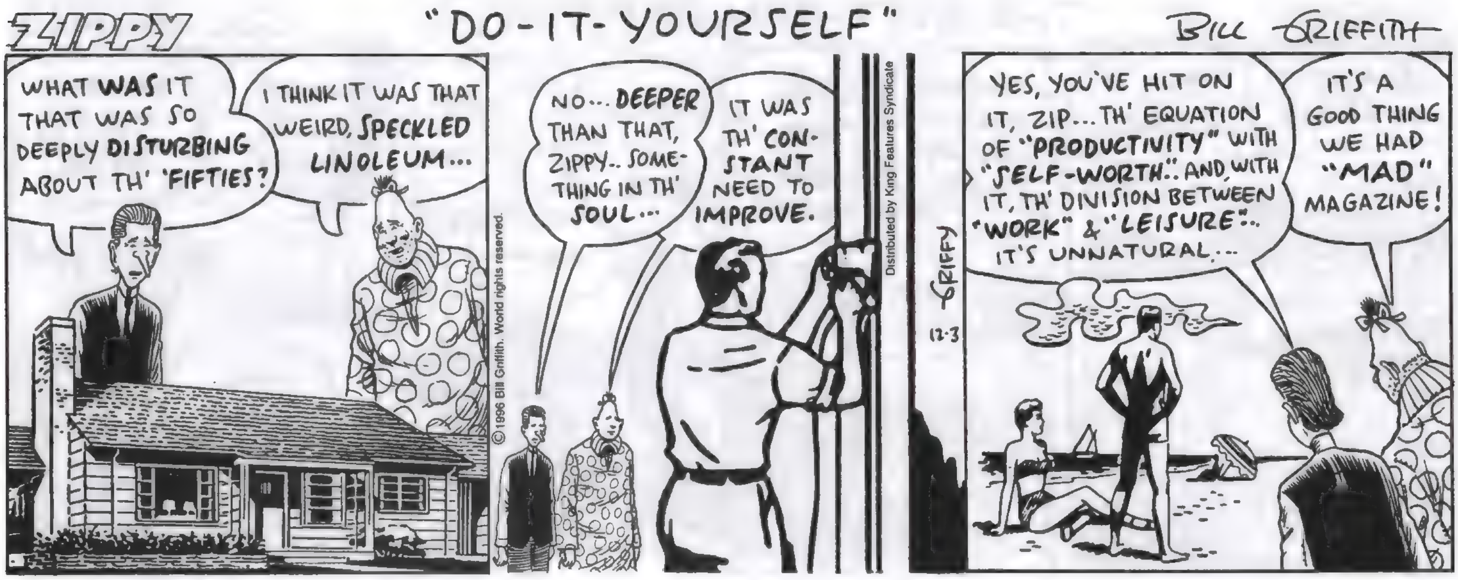
...WELL, WHAT IS IT?? I CLICKED ON IT WITH MY MOUSE, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED!
IT DOESN'T RESPOND TO VOICE COMMAND EITHER!
IN LARGER QUANTITIES, IT MIGHT MAKE GOOD LANDFILL!
LET'S JUST LEAVE IT ALONE. MAYBE IT'LL DISAPPEAR AFTER A WHILE!
GRIFFY
12-2
DID WE GET ANY GOOD e-mail TODAY?
I DON'T KNOW... ..I COULDN'T ACCESS MY INTERNET SERVER.


ZIPPY
"DO-IT-YOURSELF"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT WAS IT THAT WAS SO DEEPLY DISTURBING ABOUT TH' 'FIFTIES?
I THINK IT WAS THAT WEIRD, SPECKLED LINOLEUM...
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NO... DEEPER THAN THAT, ZIPPY.. SOMETHING IN TH' SOUL...
IT WAS TH' CONSTANT NEED TO IMPROVE.
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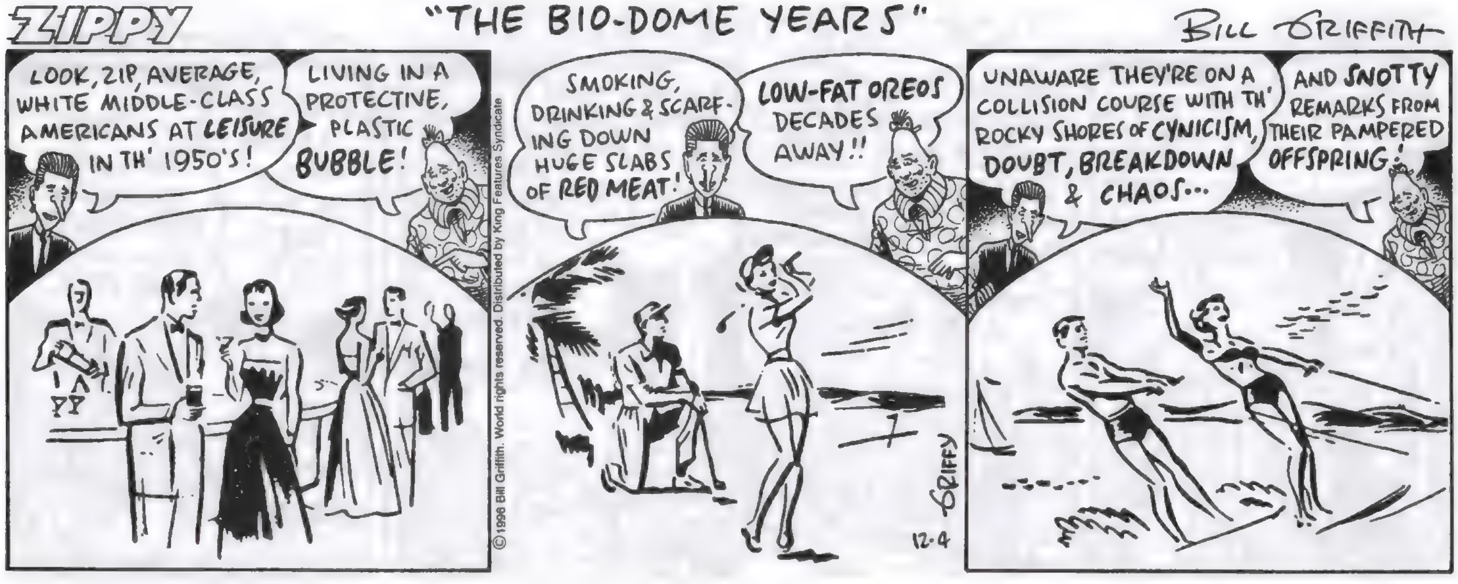
GRIFFY
12-3
YES, YOU'VE HIT ON IT, ZIP... TH' EQUATION OF "PRODUCTIVITY" WITH "SELF-WORTH".. AND, WITH IT, TH' DIVISION BETWEEN "WORK" & "LEISURE".. IT'S UNNATURAL...
IT'S A GOOD THING WE HAD "MAD" MAGAZINE!


ZIPPY
"THE BIO-DOME YEARS"
BILL GRIFFITH
LOOK, ZIP, AVERAGE, WHITE MIDDLE-CLASS AMERICANS AT LEISURE IN TH' 1950'S!
LIVING IN A PROTECTIVE, PLASTIC BUBBLE!
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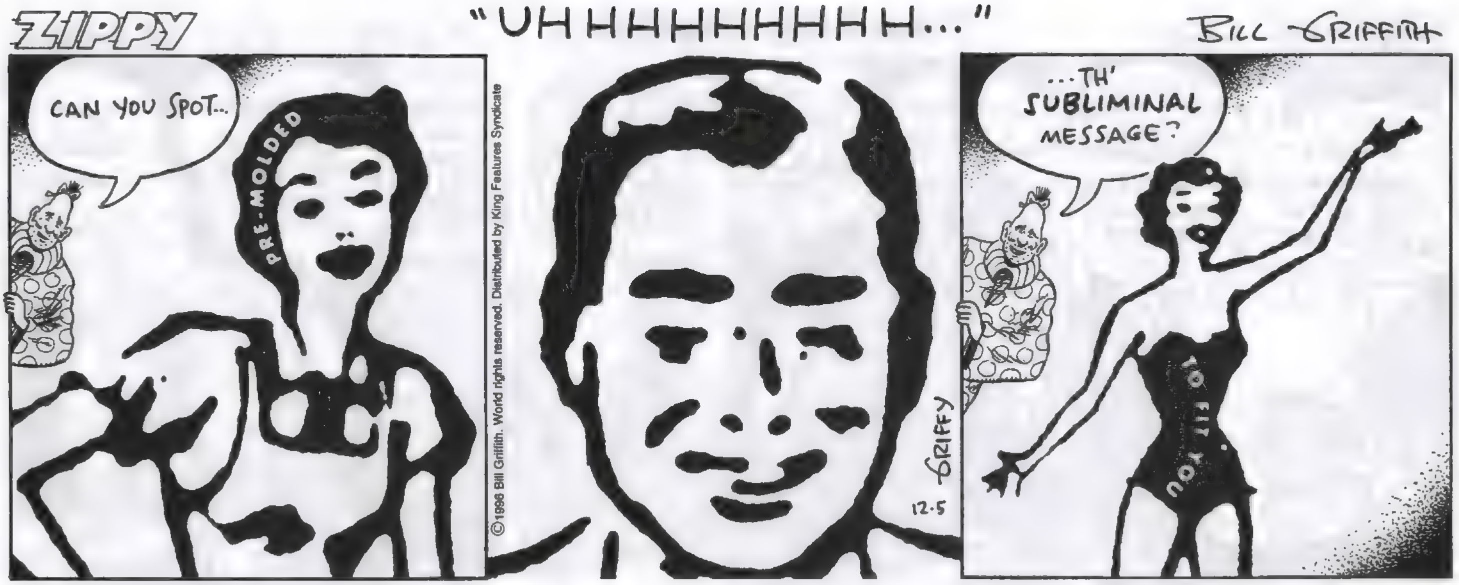
SMOKING, DRINKING & SCARFING DOWN HUGE SLABS OF RED MEAT!
LOW-FAT OREOS DECADES AWAY!!
GRIFFY
12-4
UNAWARE THEY'RE ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH TH' ROCKY SHORES OF CYNICISM, DOUBT, BREAKDOWN & CHAOS...
AND SNOTTY REMARKS FROM THEIR PAMPERED OFFSPRING!


ZIPPY
"UHHHHHHHHH..."
BILL GRIFFITH
CAN YOU SPOT...
PRE-MOLDED
GRIFFY
12·5
...TH' SUBLIMINAL MESSAGE?
TO FIT YOU
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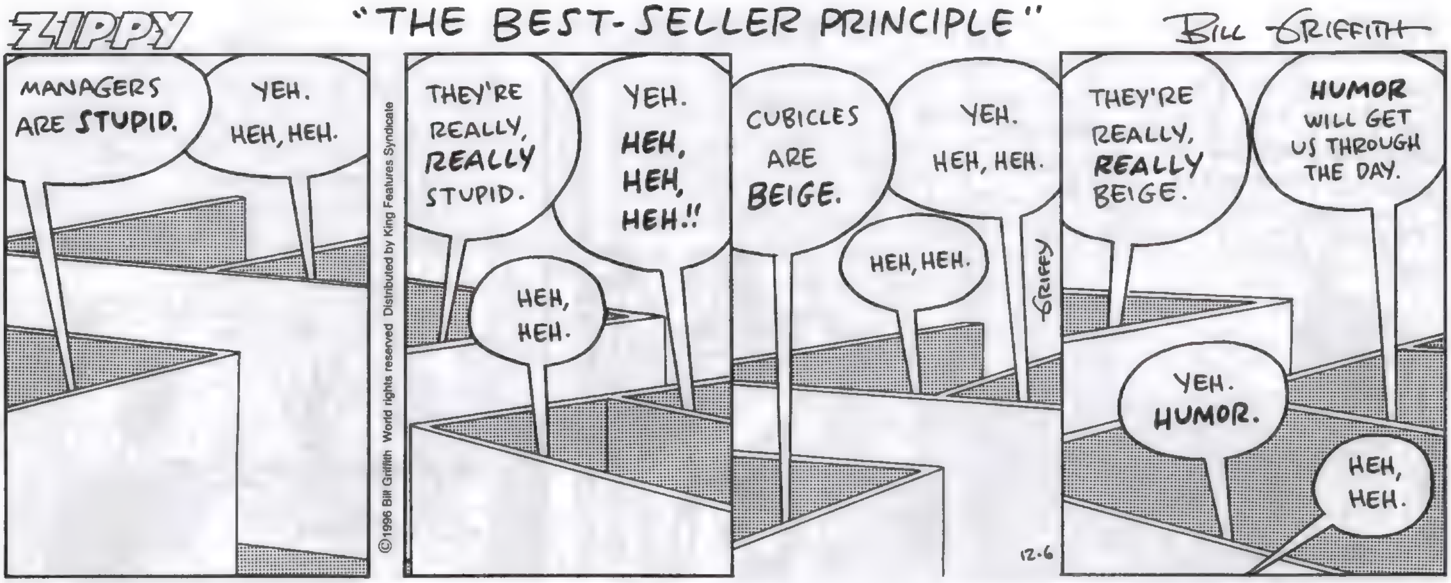
ZIPPY
"THE BEST-SELLER PRINCIPLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
MANAGERS ARE STUPID.
YEH. HEH, HEH.
THEY'RE REALLY, REALLY STUPID.
YEH. HEH, HEH, HEH.!!
HEH, HEH.
CUBICLES ARE BEIGE.
YEH. HEH, HEH.
HEH, HEH.
GRIFFY
THEY'RE REALLY, REALLY BEIGE.
HUMOR WILL GET US THROUGH THE DAY.
YEH. HUMOR.
HEH, HEH.
12·6
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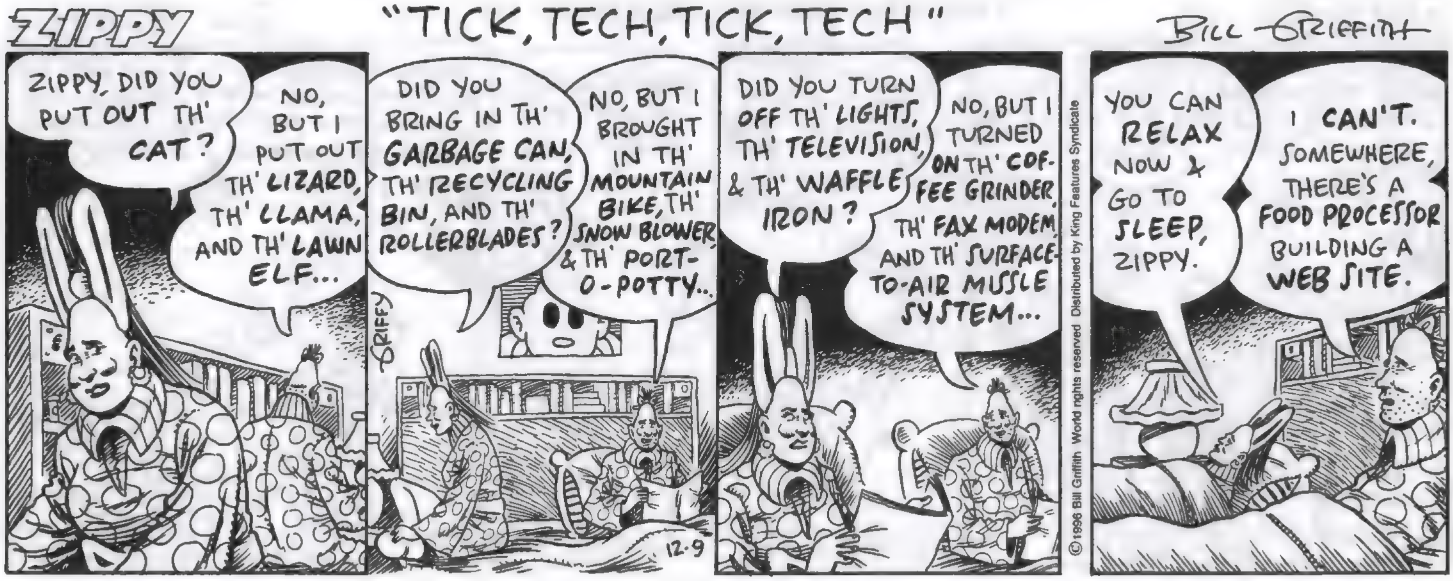
ZIPPY
"TICK, TECH, TICK, TECH"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DID YOU PUT OUT TH' CAT?
NO, BUT I PUT OUT TH' LIZARD, TH' LLAMA, AND TH' LAWN ELF...
GRIFFY
DID YOU BRING IN TH' GARBAGE CAN, TH' RECYCLING BIN, AND TH' ROLLERBLADES?
NO, BUT I BROUGHT IN TH' MOUNTAIN BIKE, TH' SNOW BLOWER, & TH' PORT-O-POTTY...
12·9
DID YOU TURN OFF TH' LIGHTS, TH' TELEVISION, & TH' WAFFLE IRON?
NO, BUT I TURNED ON TH' COFFEE GRINDER, TH' FAX MODEM, AND TH' SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSLE SYSTEM...
YOU CAN RELAX NOW & GO TO SLEEP, ZIPPY.
I CAN'T. SOMEWHERE, THERE'S A FOOD PROCESSOR BUILDING A WEB SITE.
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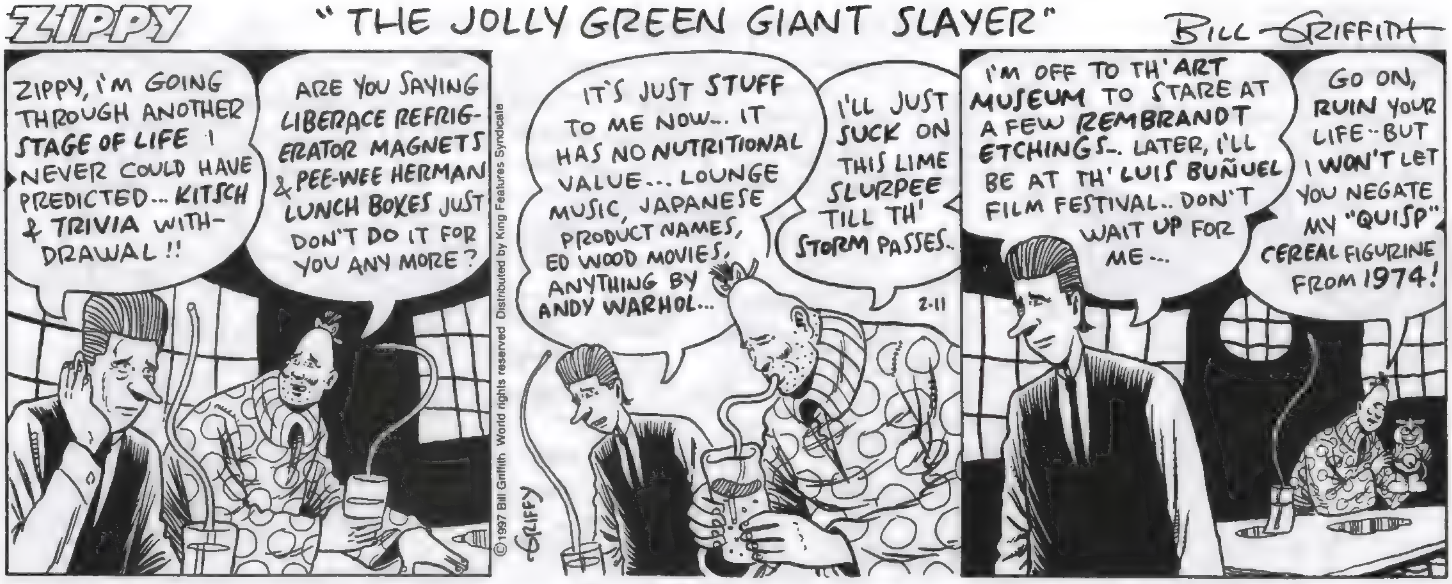
ZIPPY
"THE JOLLY GREEN GIANT SLAYER"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, I'M GOING THROUGH ANOTHER STAGE OF LIFE I NEVER COULD HAVE PREDICTED... KITSCH & TRIVIA WITH-DRAWAL !!
ARE YOU SAYING LIBERACE REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS & PEE-WEE HERMAN LUNCH BOXES JUST DON'T DO IT FOR YOU ANY MORE?
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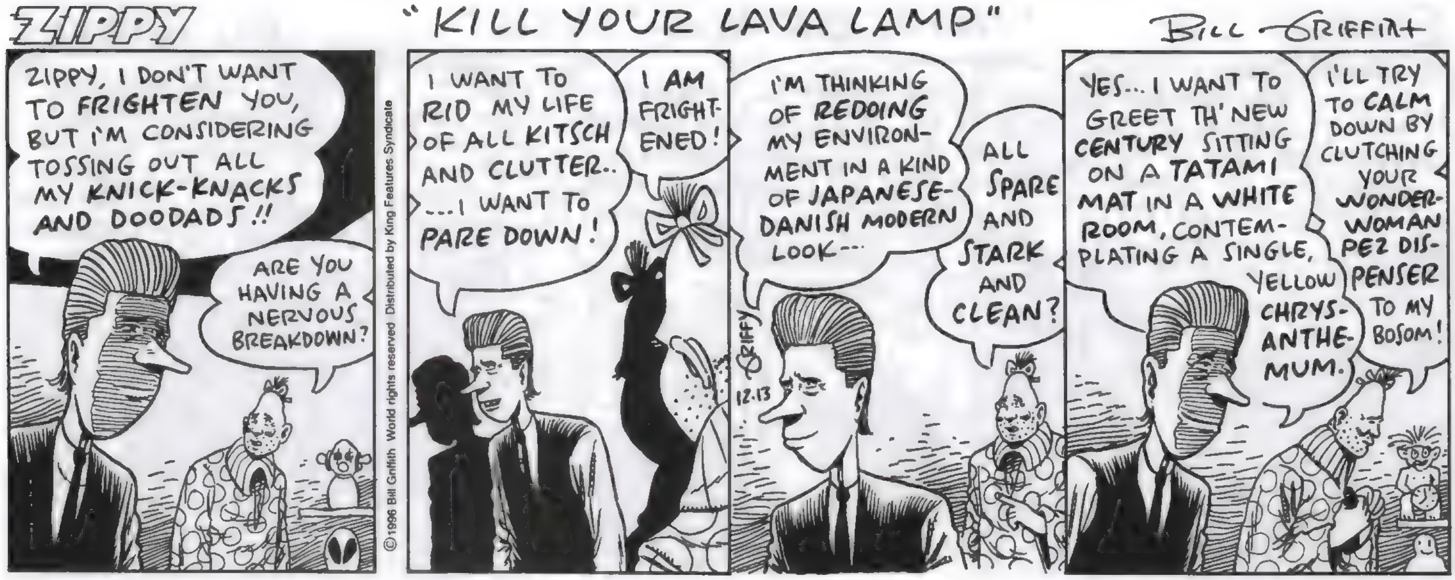
GRIFFY
IT'S JUST STUFF TO ME NOW... IT HAS NO NUTRITIONAL VALUE... LOUNGE MUSIC, JAPANESE PRODUCT NAMES, ED WOOD MOVIES, ANYTHING BY ANDY WARHOL...
I'LL JUST SUCK ON THIS LIME SLURPEE TILL TH' STORM PASSES..
2-11
I'M OFF TO TH' ART MUSEUM TO STARE AT A FEW REMBRANDT ETCHINGS... LATER, I'LL BE AT TH' LUIS BUÑUEL FILM FESTIVAL.. DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME...
GO ON, RUIN YOUR LIFE-- BUT I WON'T LET YOU NEGATE MY "QUISP" CEREAL FIGURINE FROM 1974!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"KILL YOUR LAVA LAMP"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, I DON'T WANT TO FRIGHTEN YOU, BUT I'M CONSIDERING TOSSING OUT ALL MY KNICK-KNACKS AND DOODADS !!
ARE YOU HAVING A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN?
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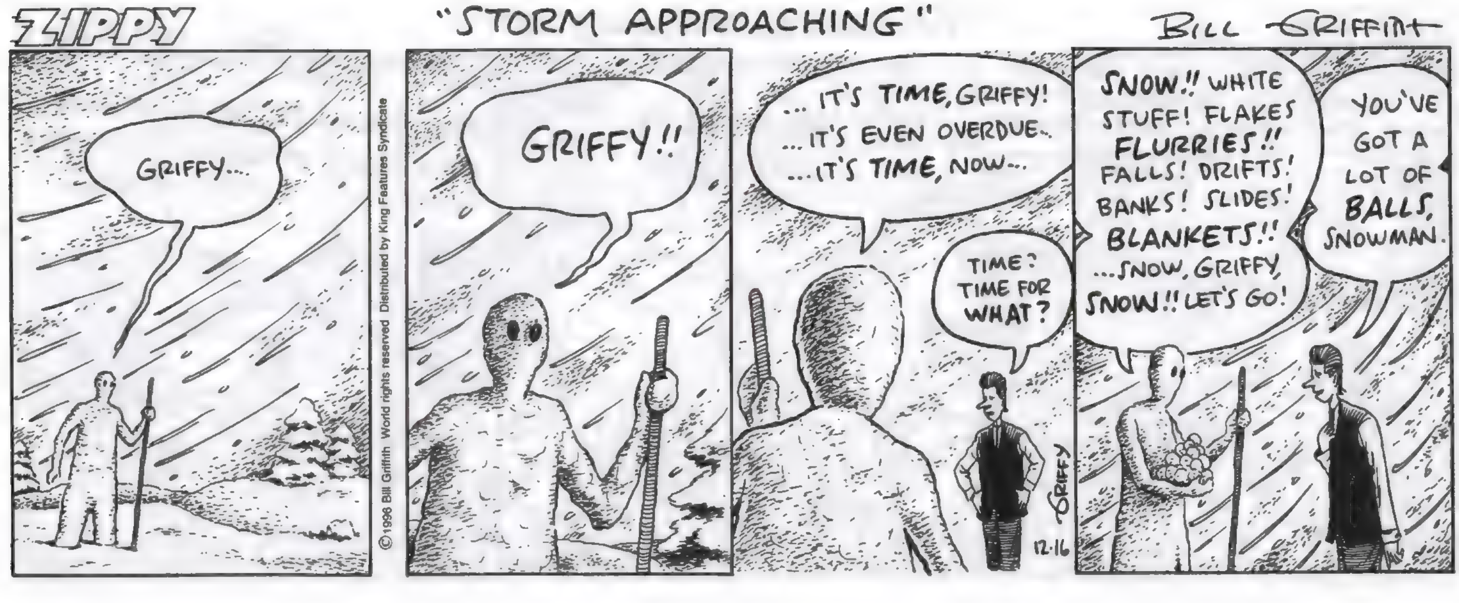
I WANT TO RID MY LIFE OF ALL KITSCH AND CLUTTER.. ...I WANT TO PARE DOWN!
I AM FRIGHT-ENED!
I'M THINKING OF REDOING MY ENVIRONMENT IN A KIND OF JAPANESE-DANISH MODERN LOOK---
ALL SPARE AND STARK AND CLEAN?
GRIFFY
12-13
YES... I WANT TO GREET TH' NEW CENTURY SITTING ON A TATAMI MAT IN A WHITE ROOM, CONTEMPLATING A SINGLE, YELLOW CHRYSANTHEMUM.
I'LL TRY TO CALM DOWN BY CLUTCHING YOUR WONDER-WOMAN PEZ DISPENSER TO MY BOSOM!


ZIPPY
"STORM APPROACHING"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY....
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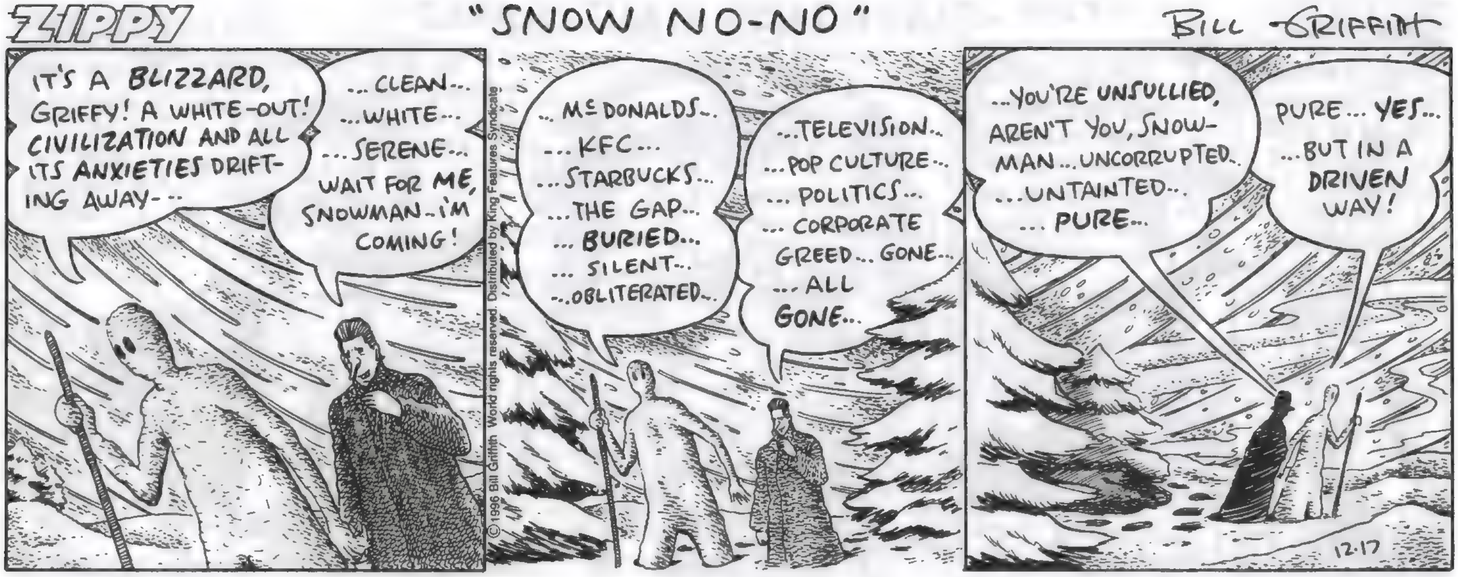
GRIFFY!!
... IT'S TIME, GRIFFY! ... IT'S EVEN OVERDUE.. ...IT'S TIME, NOW...
TIME? TIME FOR WHAT?
GRIFFY
12-16
SNOW!! WHITE STUFF! FLAKES FLURRIES!! FALLS! DRIFTS! BANKS! SLIDES! BLANKETS!! ...SNOW, GRIFFY, SNOW!! LET'S GO!
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF BALLS, SNOWMAN.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"SNOW NO-NO"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S A BLIZZARD, GRIFFY! A WHITE-OUT! CIVILIZATION AND ALL ITS ANXIETIES DRIFTING AWAY--
...CLEAN... ...WHITE... ...SERENE... WAIT FOR ME, SNOWMAN.. I'M COMING!
...McDONALDS... ...KFC... ...STARBUCKS... ...THE GAP... ...BURIED... ...SILENT... ...OBLITERATED...
...TELEVISION... ...POP CULTURE... ...POLITICS... ...CORPORATE GREED... GONE... ...ALL GONE...
...YOU'RE UNSULLIED, AREN'T YOU, SNOWMAN... UNCORRUPTED... ...UNTAINTED... ...PURE...
PURE... YES... ...BUT IN A DRIVEN WAY!
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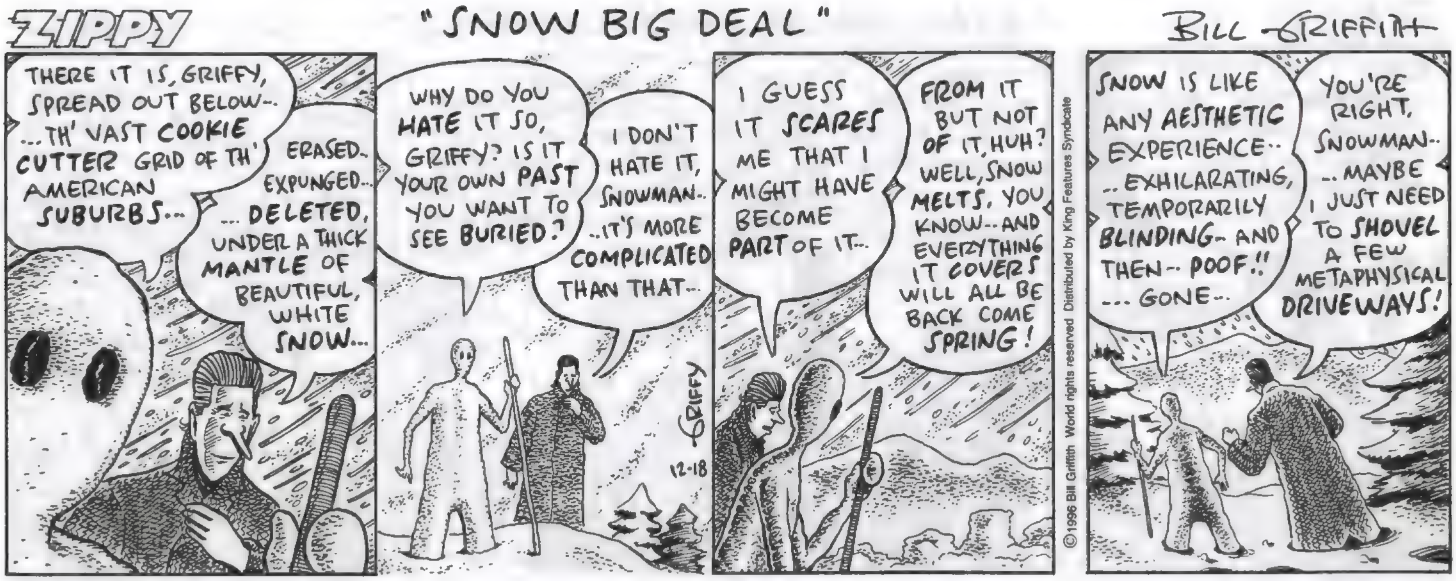
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"SNOW BIG DEAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
THERE IT IS, GRIFFY, SPREAD OUT BELOW.. ...TH' VAST COOKIE CUTTER GRID OF TH' AMERICAN SUBURBS...
ERASED.. EXPUNGED... ...DELETED, UNDER A THICK MANTLE OF BEAUTIFUL, WHITE SNOW...
WHY DO YOU HATE IT SO, GRIFFY? IS IT YOUR OWN PAST YOU WANT TO SEE BURIED?
I DON'T HATE IT, SNOWMAN.. ..IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT...
GRIFFY
12·18
I GUESS IT SCARES ME THAT I MIGHT HAVE BECOME PART OF IT..
FROM IT BUT NOT OF IT, HUH? WELL, SNOW MELTS, YOU KNOW.. AND EVERYTHING IT COVERS WILL ALL BE BACK COME SPRING!
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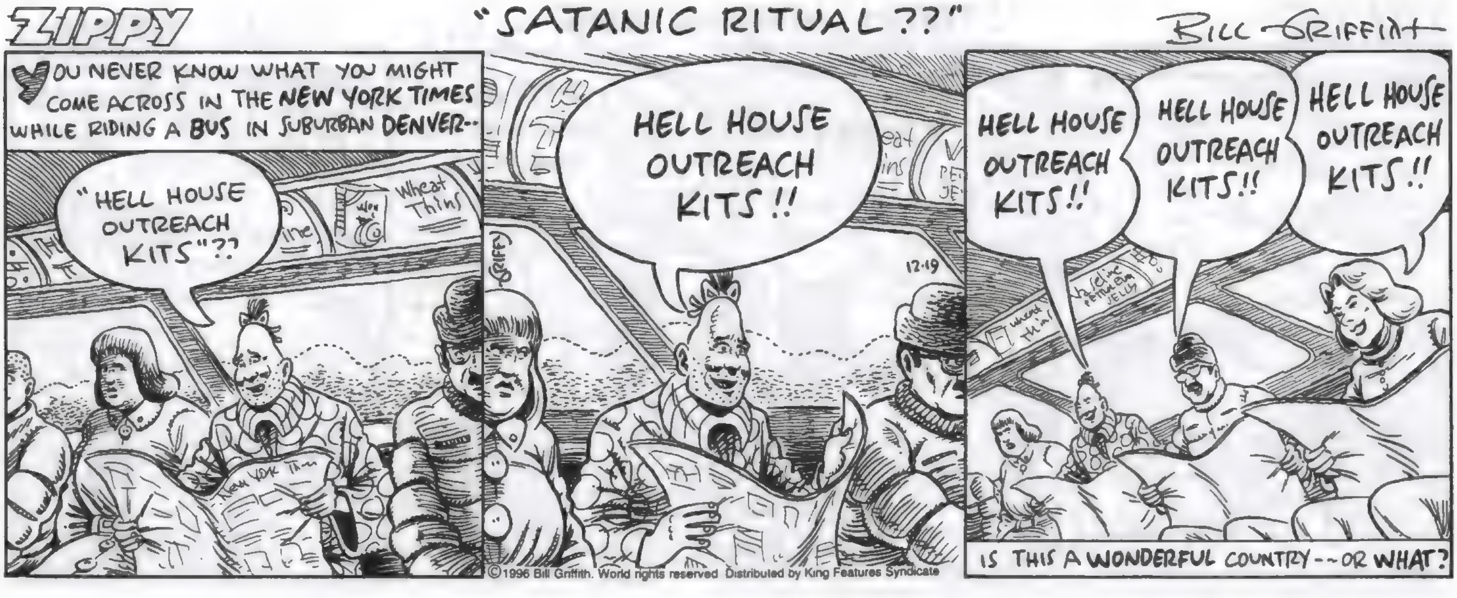
SNOW IS LIKE ANY AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE.. ..EXHILARATING, TEMPORARILY BLINDING.. AND THEN.. POOF!! ... GONE..
YOU'RE RIGHT, SNOWMAN.. ..MAYBE I JUST NEED TO SHOVEL A FEW METAPHYSICAL DRIVEWAYS!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"SATANIC RITUAL??"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT COME ACROSS IN THE NEW YORK TIMES WHILE RIDING A BUS IN SUBURBAN DENVER..
"HELL HOUSE OUTREACH KITS"??
Wheat Thins
New York Times
GRIFFY
HELL HOUSE OUTREACH KITS!!
12·19
HELL HOUSE OUTREACH KITS!!
HELL HOUSE OUTREACH KITS!!
HELL HOUSE OUTREACH KITS!!
Vaseline Petroleum Jelly
IS THIS A WONDERFUL COUNTRY--OR WHAT?
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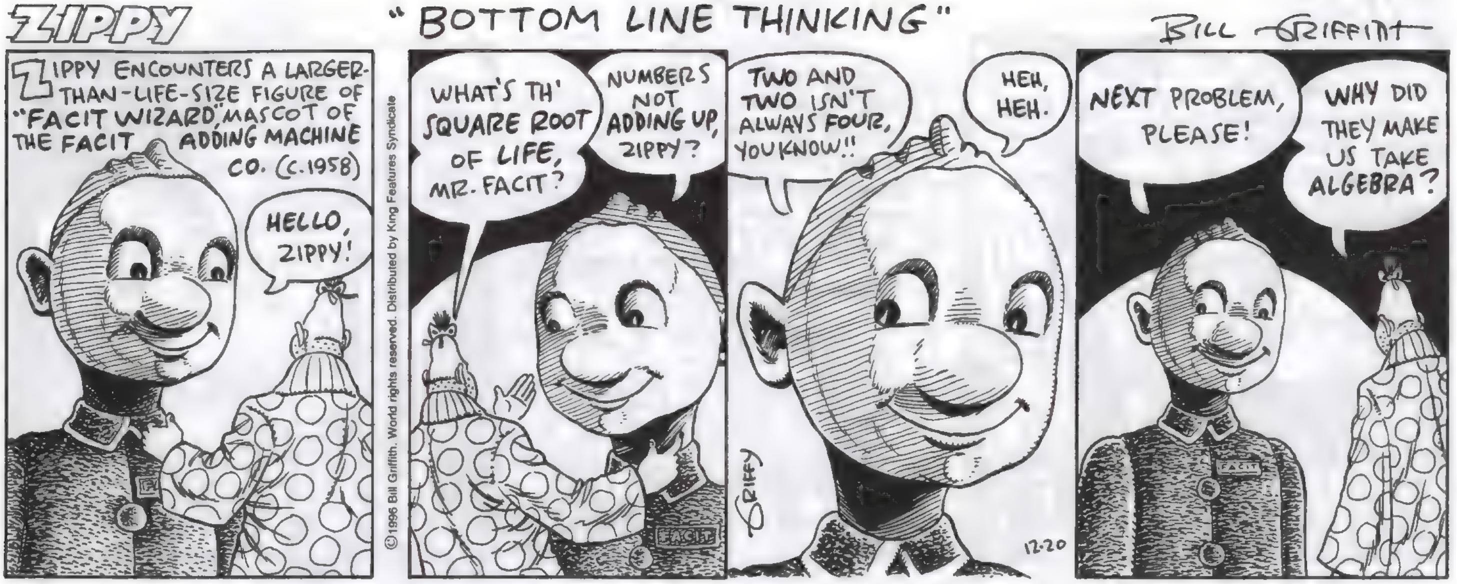
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"BOTTOM LINE THINKING"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY ENCOUNTERS A LARGER-THAN-LIFE-SIZE FIGURE OF "FACIT WIZARD," MASCOT OF THE FACIT ADDING MACHINE CO. (c.1958)
HELLO, ZIPPY!
FACIT
WHAT'S TH' SQUARE ROOT OF LIFE, MR. FACIT?
NUMBERS NOT ADDING UP, ZIPPY?
TWO AND TWO ISN'T ALWAYS FOUR, YOU KNOW!!
HEH, HEH.
NEXT PROBLEM, PLEASE!
WHY DID THEY MAKE US TAKE ALGEBRA?
FACIT
GRIFFY
12-20
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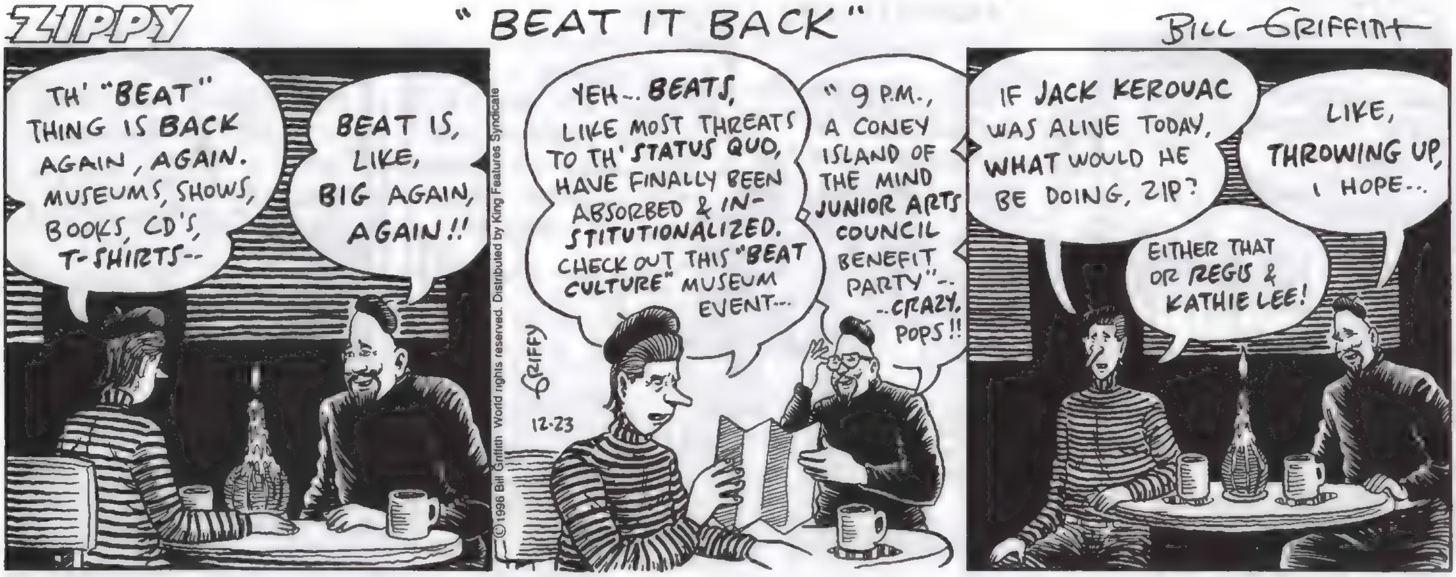
ZIPPY
"BEAT IT BACK"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' "BEAT" THING IS BACK AGAIN, AGAIN. MUSEUMS, SHOWS, BOOKS, CD'S, T-SHIRTS--
BEAT IS, LIKE, BIG AGAIN, AGAIN!!
YEH.. BEATS, LIKE MOST THREATS TO TH' STATUS QUO, HAVE FINALLY BEEN ABSORBED & INSTITUTIONALIZED. CHECK OUT THIS "BEAT CULTURE" MUSEUM EVENT...
"9 P.M., A CONEY ISLAND OF THE MIND JUNIOR ARTS COUNCIL BENEFIT PARTY"-- --CRAZY, POPS!!
IF JACK KEROUAC WAS ALIVE TODAY, WHAT WOULD HE BE DOING, ZIP?
LIKE, THROWING UP, I HOPE...
EITHER THAT OR REGIS & KATHIE LEE!
GRIFFY
12-23
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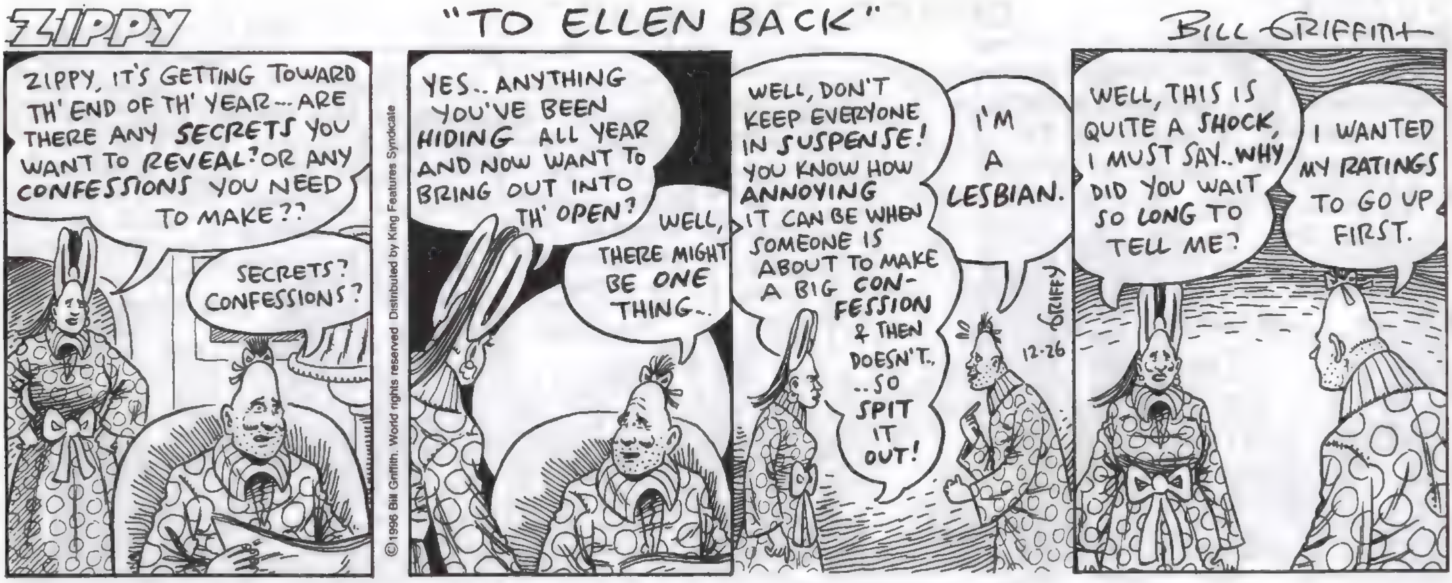
ZIPPY
"TO ELLEN BACK"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, IT'S GETTING TOWARD TH' END OF TH' YEAR--ARE THERE ANY SECRETS YOU WANT TO REVEAL? OR ANY CONFESSIONS YOU NEED TO MAKE??
SECRETS? CONFESSIONS?
YES.. ANYTHING YOU'VE BEEN HIDING ALL YEAR AND NOW WANT TO BRING OUT INTO TH' OPEN?
WELL, THERE MIGHT BE ONE THING..
WELL, DON'T KEEP EVERYONE IN SUSPENSE! YOU KNOW HOW ANNOYING IT CAN BE WHEN SOMEONE IS ABOUT TO MAKE A BIG CONFESSION & THEN DOESN'T.. ..SO SPIT IT OUT!
I'M A LESBIAN.
WELL, THIS IS QUITE A SHOCK, I MUST SAY.. WHY DID YOU WAIT SO LONG TO TELL ME?
I WANTED MY RATINGS TO GO UP FIRST.
GRIFFY
12-26
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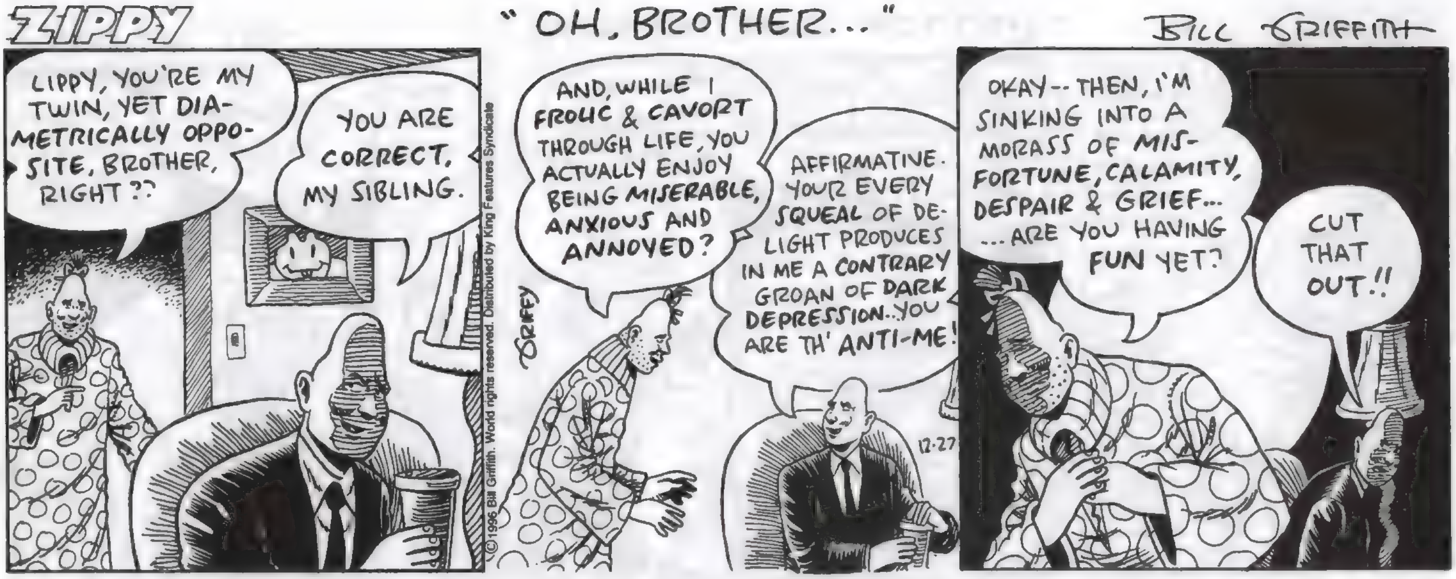
ZIPPY
"OH, BROTHER..."
BILL GRIFFITH
LIPPY, YOU'RE MY TWIN, YET DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSITE, BROTHER, RIGHT??
YOU ARE CORRECT, MY SIBLING.
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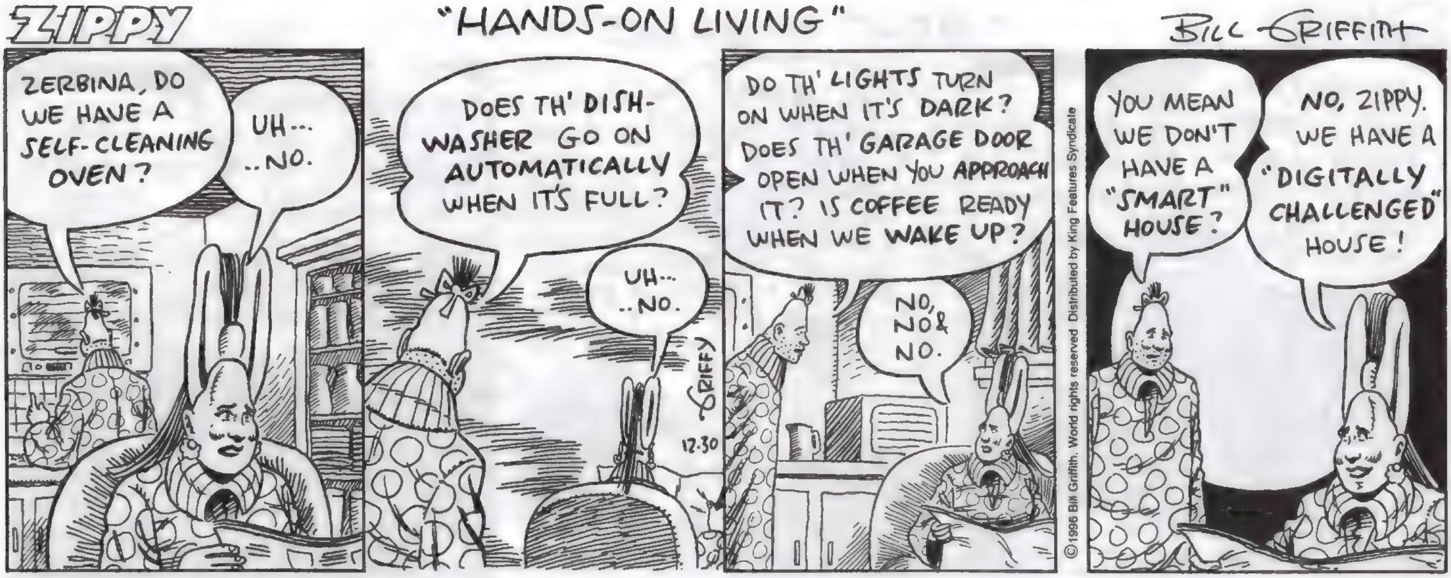
GRIFFY
AND, WHILE I FROLIC & CAVORT THROUGH LIFE, YOU ACTUALLY ENJOY BEING MISERABLE, ANXIOUS AND ANNOYED?
AFFIRMATIVE. YOUR EVERY SQUEAL OF DELIGHT PRODUCES IN ME A CONTRARY GROAN OF DARK DEPRESSION..YOU ARE TH' ANTI-ME!
12-27
OKAY-- THEN, I'M SINKING INTO A MORASS OF MISFORTUNE, CALAMITY, DESPAIR & GRIEF... ...ARE YOU HAVING FUN YET?
CUT THAT OUT!!


ZIPPY
"HANDS-ON LIVING"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZERBINA, DO WE HAVE A SELF-CLEANING OVEN?
UH... ..NO.
DOES TH' DISHWASHER GO ON AUTOMATICALLY WHEN IT'S FULL?
UH... ..NO.
GRIFFY
12-30
DO TH' LIGHTS TURN ON WHEN IT'S DARK? DOES TH' GARAGE DOOR OPEN WHEN YOU APPROACH IT? IS COFFEE READY WHEN WE WAKE UP?
NO, NO & NO.
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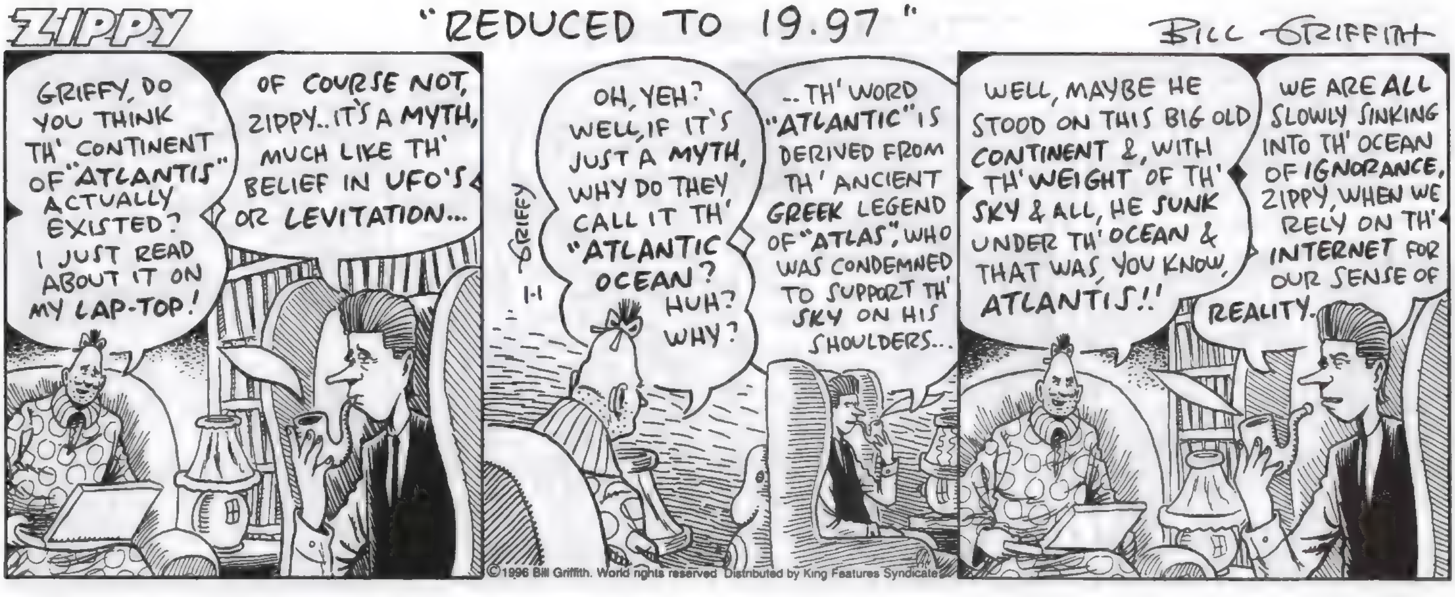
YOU MEAN WE DON'T HAVE A "SMART" HOUSE?
NO, ZIPPY. WE HAVE A "DIGITALLY CHALLENGED" HOUSE!


ZIPPY
"REDUCED TO 19.97"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, DO YOU THINK TH' CONTINENT OF "ATLANTIS" ACTUALLY EXISTED? I JUST READ ABOUT IT ON MY LAP-TOP!
OF COURSE NOT, ZIPPY..IT'S A MYTH, MUCH LIKE TH' BELIEF IN UFO'S OR LEVITATION...
GRIFFY
1-1
OH, YEH? WELL, IF IT'S JUST A MYTH, WHY DO THEY CALL IT TH' "ATLANTIC OCEAN"? HUH? WHY?
..TH' WORD "ATLANTIC" IS DERIVED FROM TH' ANCIENT GREEK LEGEND OF "ATLAS," WHO WAS CONDEMNED TO SUPPORT TH' SKY ON HIS SHOULDERS...
WELL, MAYBE HE STOOD ON THIS BIG OLD CONTINENT &, WITH TH' WEIGHT OF TH' SKY & ALL, HE SUNK UNDER TH' OCEAN & THAT WAS, YOU KNOW, ATLANTIS!!
WE ARE ALL SLOWLY SINKING INTO TH' OCEAN OF IGNORANCE, ZIPPY, WHEN WE RELY ON TH' INTERNET FOR OUR SENSE OF REALITY.
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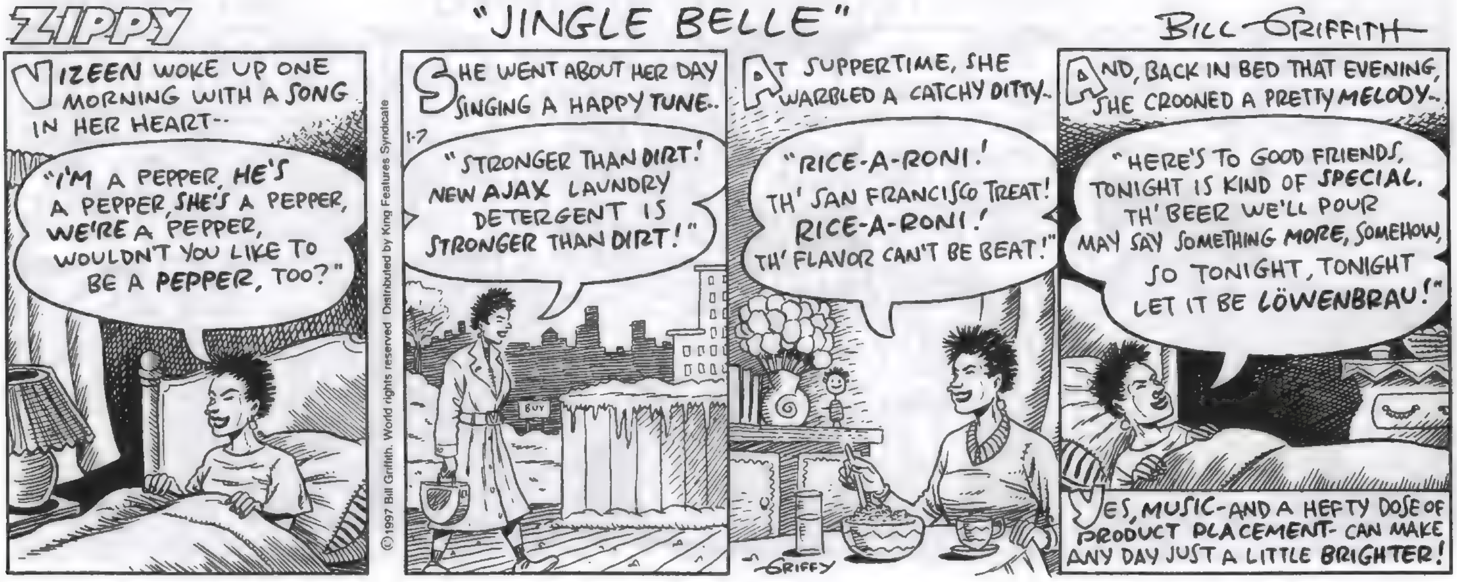
ZIPPY
"JINGLE BELLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
VIZEEN WOKE UP ONE MORNING WITH A SONG IN HER HEART--
"I'M A PEPPER, HE'S A PEPPER, SHE'S A PEPPER, WE'RE A PEPPER, WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE A PEPPER, TOO?"
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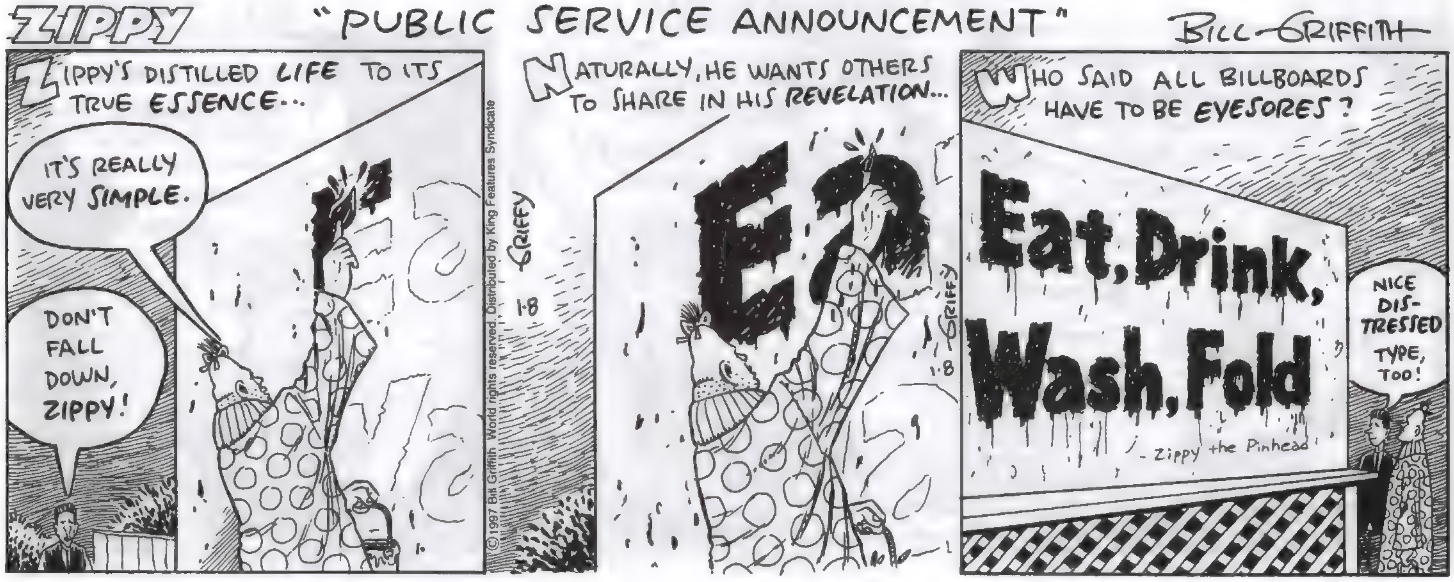
SHE WENT ABOUT HER DAY SINGING A HAPPY TUNE..
1-7
"STRONGER THAN DIRT! NEW AJAX LAUNDRY DETERGENT IS STRONGER THAN DIRT!"
BUY
AT SUPPERTIME, SHE WARBLED A CATCHY DITTY..
"RICE-A-RONI! TH' SAN FRANCISCO TREAT! RICE-A-RONI! TH' FLAVOR CAN'T BE BEAT!"
GRIFFY
AND, BACK IN BED THAT EVENING, SHE CROONED A PRETTY MELODY..
"HERE'S TO GOOD FRIENDS, TONIGHT IS KIND OF SPECIAL. TH' BEER WE'LL POUR MAY SAY SOMETHING MORE, SOMEHOW, SO TONIGHT, TONIGHT LET IT BE LÖWENBRAU!"
YES, MUSIC- AND A HEFTY DOSE OF PRODUCT PLACEMENT- CAN MAKE ANY DAY JUST A LITTLE BRIGHTER!


ZIPPY
"PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY'S DISTILLED LIFE TO ITS TRUE ESSENCE...
IT'S REALLY VERY SIMPLE.
DON'T FALL DOWN, ZIPPY!
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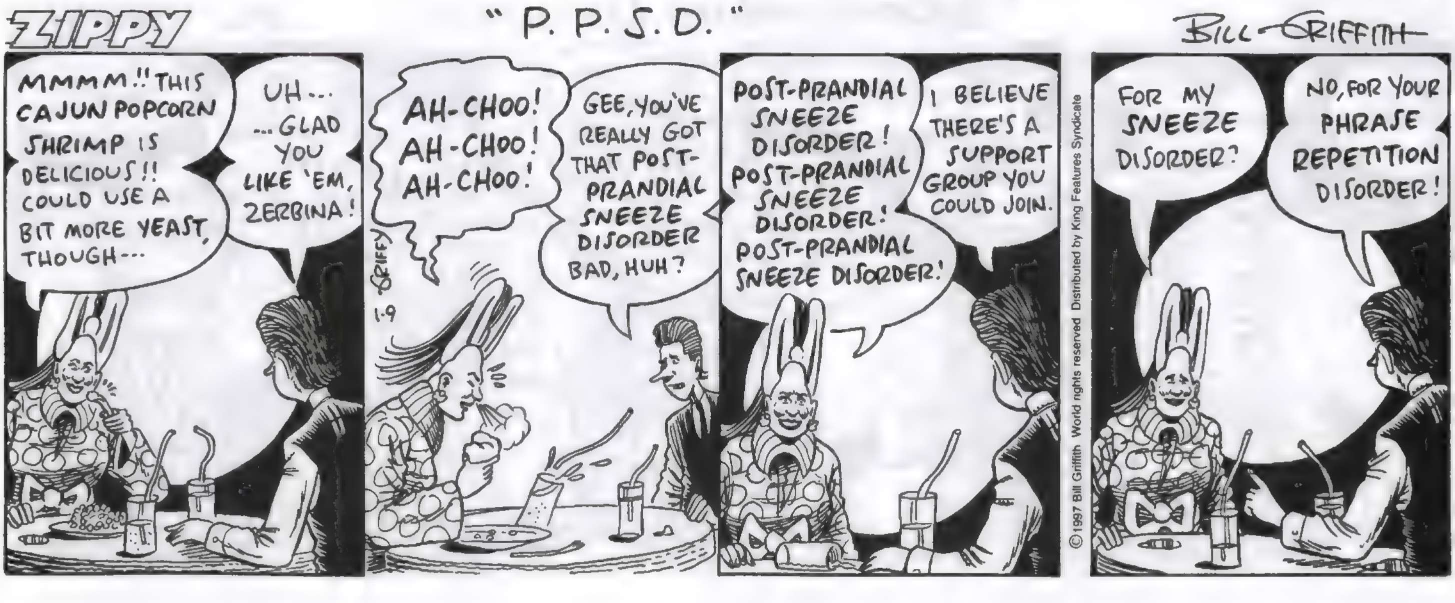
GRIFFY
1-8
NATURALLY, HE WANTS OTHERS TO SHARE IN HIS REVELATION...
E
GRIFFY
1-8
WHO SAID ALL BILLBOARDS HAVE TO BE EYESORES?
Eat, Drink, Wash, Fold
- Zippy the Pinhead
NICE DISTRESSED TYPE, TOO!


ZIPPY
"P. P. S. D."
BILL GRIFFITH
MMMM!! THIS CAJUN POPCORN SHRIMP IS DELICIOUS!! COULD USE A BIT MORE YEAST, THOUGH---
UH... ...GLAD YOU LIKE 'EM, ZERBINA!
AH-CHOO! AH-CHOO! AH-CHOO!
GRIFFY
1-9
GEE, YOU'VE REALLY GOT THAT POST-PRANDIAL SNEEZE DISORDER BAD, HUH?
POST-PRANDIAL SNEEZE DISORDER! POST-PRANDIAL SNEEZE DISORDER! POST-PRANDIAL SNEEZE DISORDER!
I BELIEVE THERE'S A SUPPORT GROUP YOU COULD JOIN.
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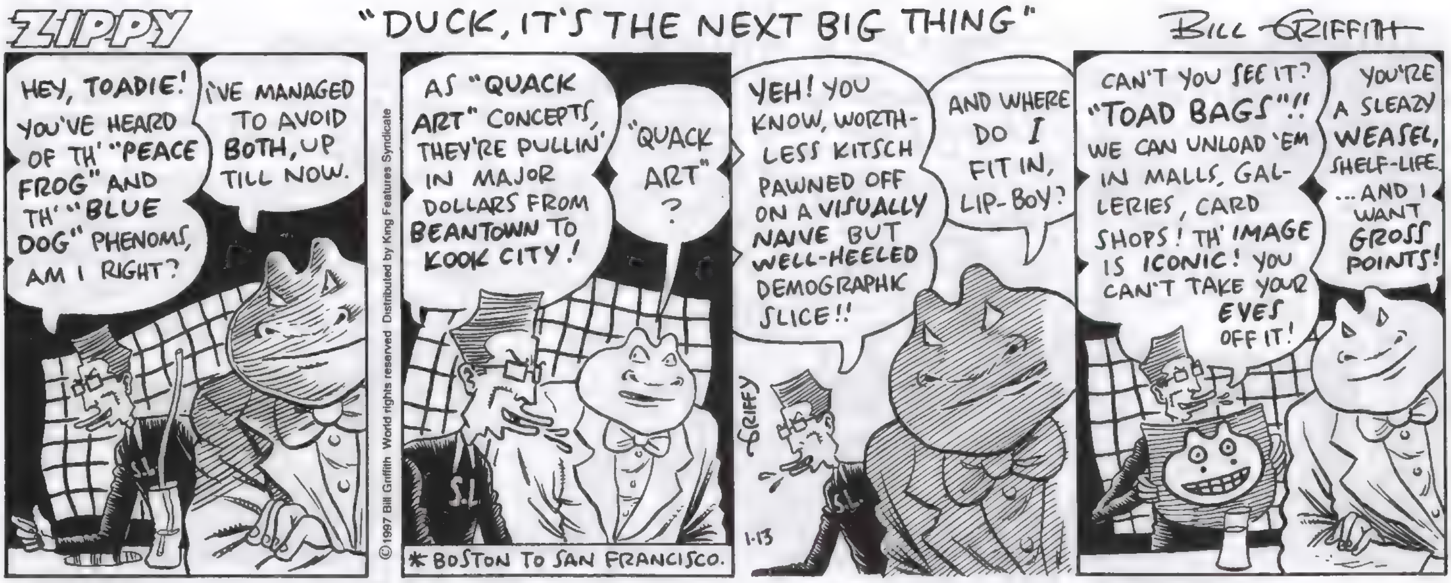
FOR MY SNEEZE DISORDER?
NO, FOR YOUR PHRASE REPETITION DISORDER!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"DUCK, IT'S THE NEXT BIG THING"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, TOADIE! YOU'VE HEARD OF TH' "PEACE FROG" AND TH' "BLUE DOG" PHENOMS, AM I RIGHT?
I'VE MANAGED TO AVOID BOTH, UP TILL NOW.
AS "QUACK ART" CONCEPTS, THEY'RE PULLIN' IN MAJOR DOLLARS FROM BEANTOWN TO KOOK CITY!
"QUACK ART"?
* BOSTON TO SAN FRANCISCO.
YEH! YOU KNOW, WORTH-LESS KITSCH PAWNED OFF ON A VISUALLY NAIVE BUT WELL-HEELED DEMOGRAPHIC SLICE!!
AND WHERE DO I FIT IN, LIP-BOY?
S.L.
GRIFFY
1-13
CAN'T YOU SEE IT? "TOAD BAGS"!! WE CAN UNLOAD 'EM IN MALLS, GAL-LERIES, CARD SHOPS! TH' IMAGE IS ICONIC! YOU CAN'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF IT!
YOU'RE A SLEAZY WEASEL, SHELF-LIFE. ...AND I WANT GROSS POINTS!
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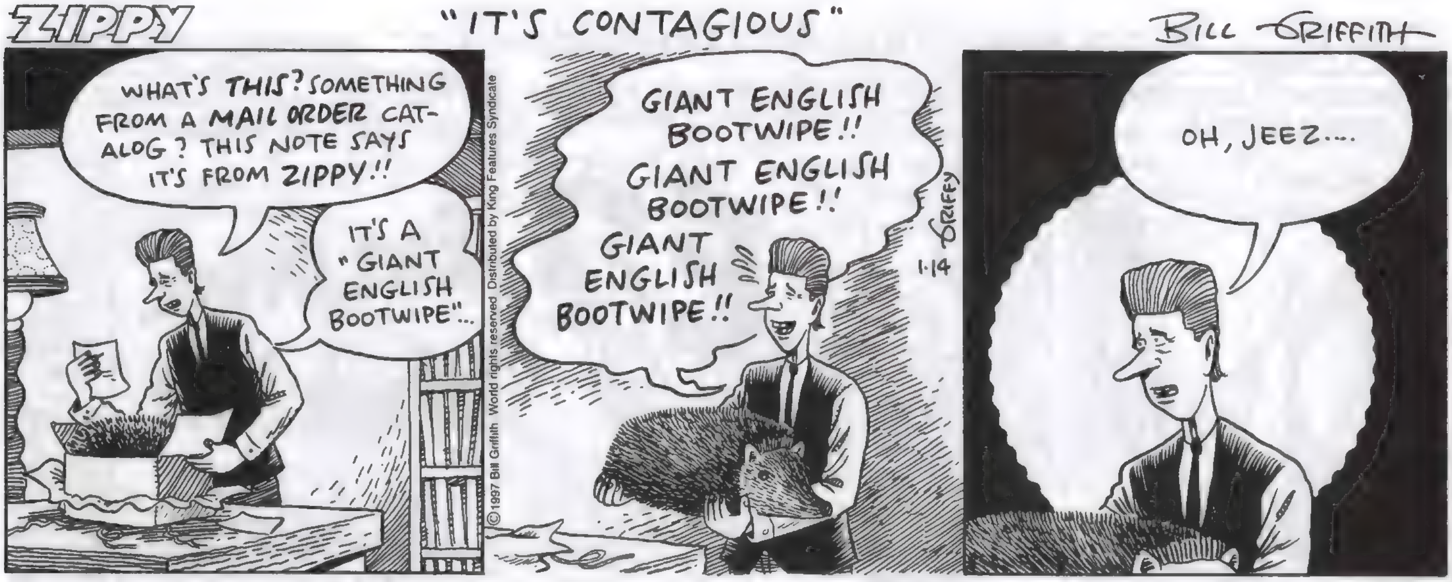
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"IT'S CONTAGIOUS"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'S THIS? SOMETHING FROM A MAIL ORDER CAT-ALOG? THIS NOTE SAYS IT'S FROM ZIPPY!!
IT'S A "GIANT ENGLISH BOOTWIPE"...
GIANT ENGLISH BOOTWIPE!! GIANT ENGLISH BOOTWIPE!! GIANT ENGLISH BOOTWIPE!!
GRIFFY
1-14
OH, JEEZ....
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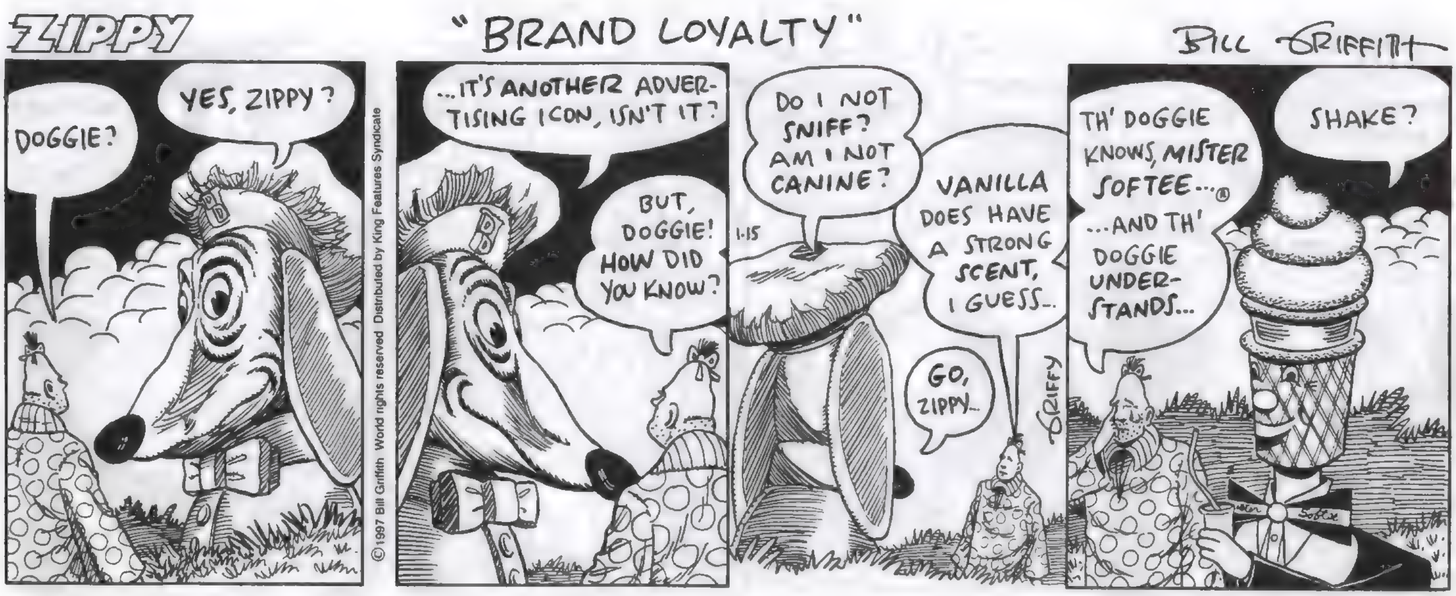
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"BRAND LOYALTY"
BILL GRIFFITH
DOGGIE?
YES, ZIPPY?
...IT'S ANOTHER ADVER-TISING ICON, ISN'T IT?
BUT, DOGGIE! HOW DID YOU KNOW?
1-15
DO I NOT SNIFF? AM I NOT CANINE?
VANILLA DOES HAVE A STRONG SCENT, I GUESS...
GO, ZIPPY...
GRIFFY
TH' DOGGIE KNOWS, MISTER SOFTEE...® ...AND TH' DOGGIE UNDER-STANDS...
SHAKE?
Softee
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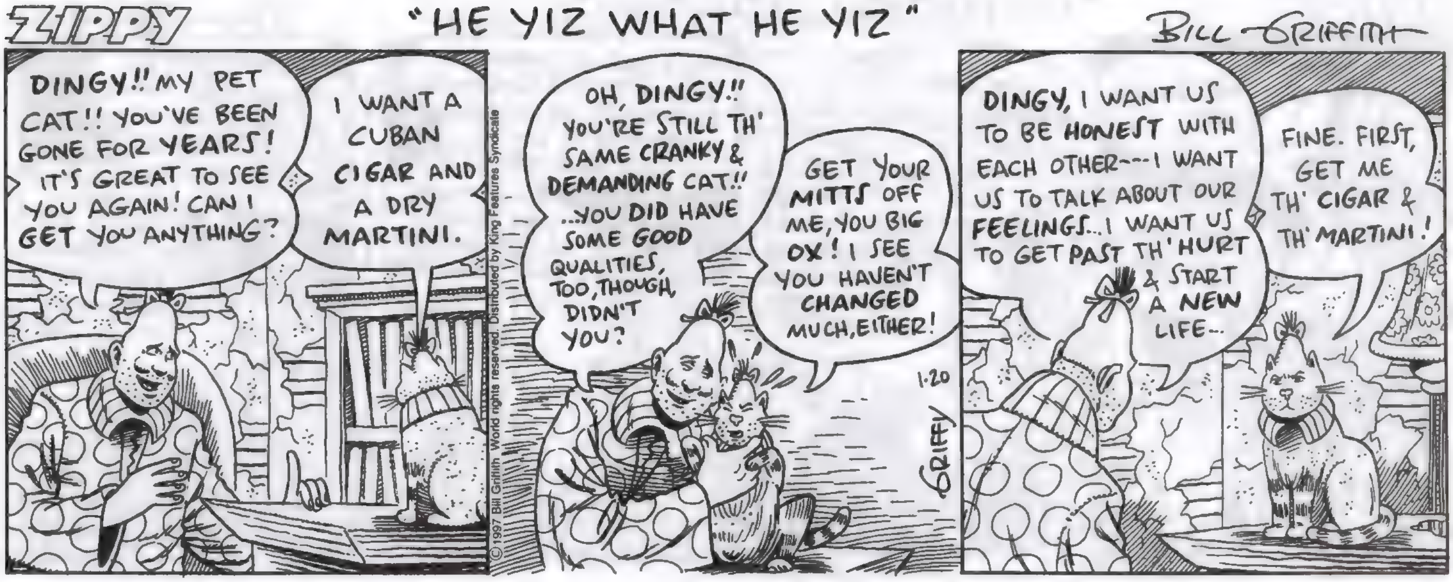
ZIPPY
"HE YIZ WHAT HE YIZ"
BILL GRIFFITH
DINGY!! MY PET CAT!! YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR YEARS! IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! CAN I GET YOU ANYTHING?
I WANT A CUBAN CIGAR AND A DRY MARTINI.
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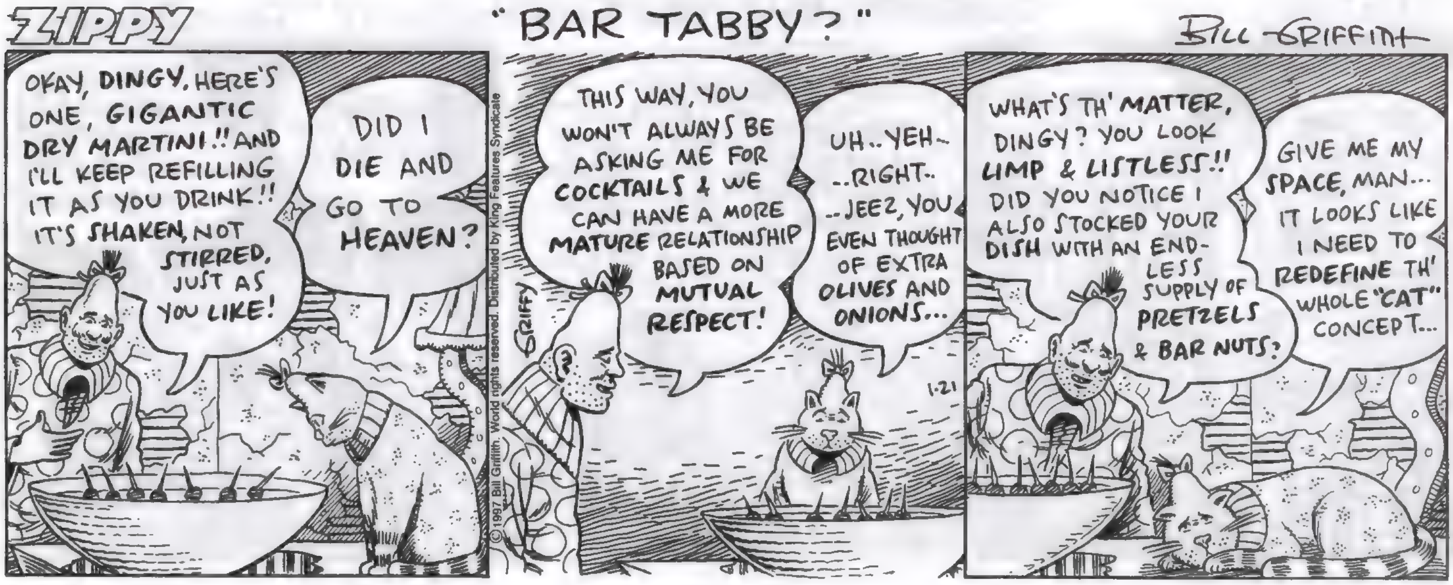
OH, DINGY!! YOU'RE STILL TH' SAME CRANKY & DEMANDING CAT!! ...YOU DID HAVE SOME GOOD QUALITIES, TOO, THOUGH, DIDN'T YOU?
GET YOUR MITTS OFF ME, YOU BIG OX! I SEE YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH, EITHER!
1-20
GRIFFY
DINGY, I WANT US TO BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER--- I WANT US TO TALK ABOUT OUR FEELINGS... I WANT US TO GET PAST TH' HURT & START A NEW LIFE...
FINE. FIRST, GET ME TH' CIGAR & TH' MARTINI!


ZIPPY
"BAR TABBY?"
BILL GRIFFITH
OKAY, DINGY, HERE'S ONE, GIGANTIC DRY MARTINI!! AND I'LL KEEP REFILLING IT AS YOU DRINK!! IT'S SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED, JUST AS YOU LIKE!
DID I DIE AND GO TO HEAVEN?
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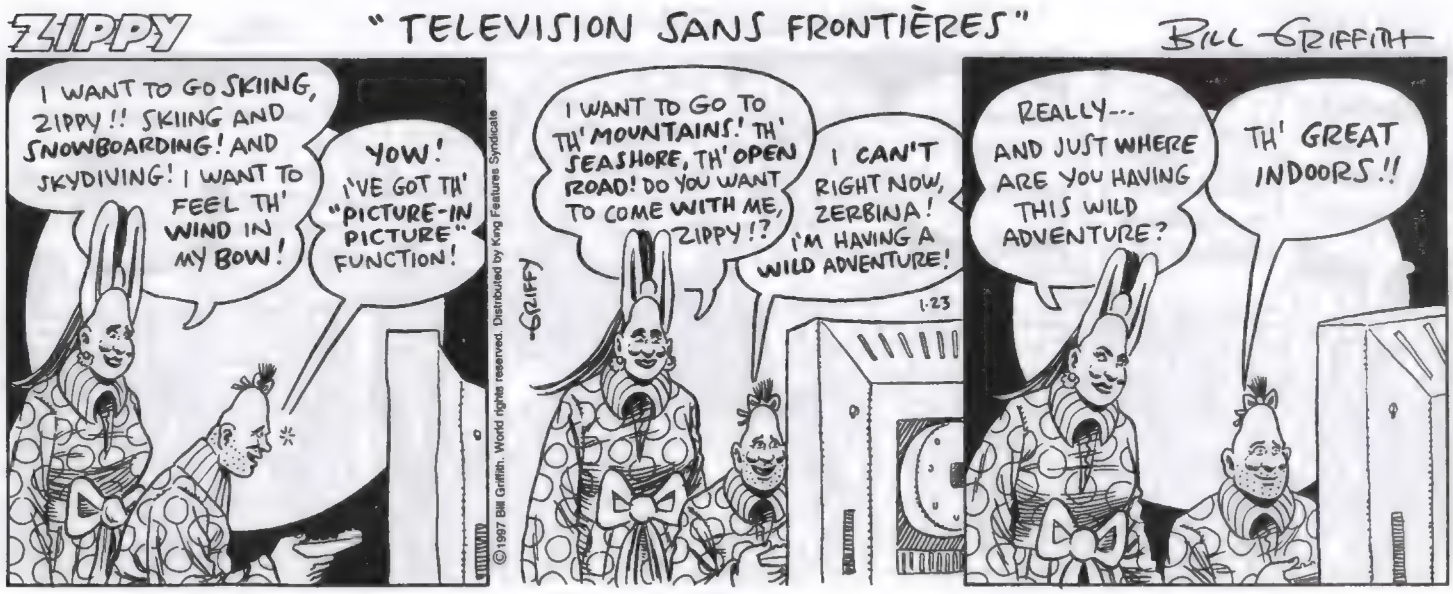
THIS WAY, YOU WON'T ALWAYS BE ASKING ME FOR COCKTAILS & WE CAN HAVE A MORE MATURE RELATIONSHIP BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT!
UH.. YEH.. ..RIGHT.. ..JEEZ, YOU EVEN THOUGHT OF EXTRA OLIVES AND ONIONS...
GRIFFY
1-21
WHAT'S TH' MATTER, DINGY? YOU LOOK LIMP & LISTLESS!! DID YOU NOTICE I ALSO STOCKED YOUR DISH WITH AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF PRETZELS & BAR NUTS?
GIVE ME MY SPACE, MAN... IT LOOKS LIKE I NEED TO REDEFINE TH' WHOLE "CAT" CONCEPT...


ZIPPY
"TELEVISION SANS FRONTIÈRES"
BILL GRIFFITH
I WANT TO GO SKIING, ZIPPY!! SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING! AND SKYDIVING! I WANT TO FEEL TH' WIND IN MY BOW!
YOW! I'VE GOT TH' "PICTURE-IN PICTURE" FUNCTION!
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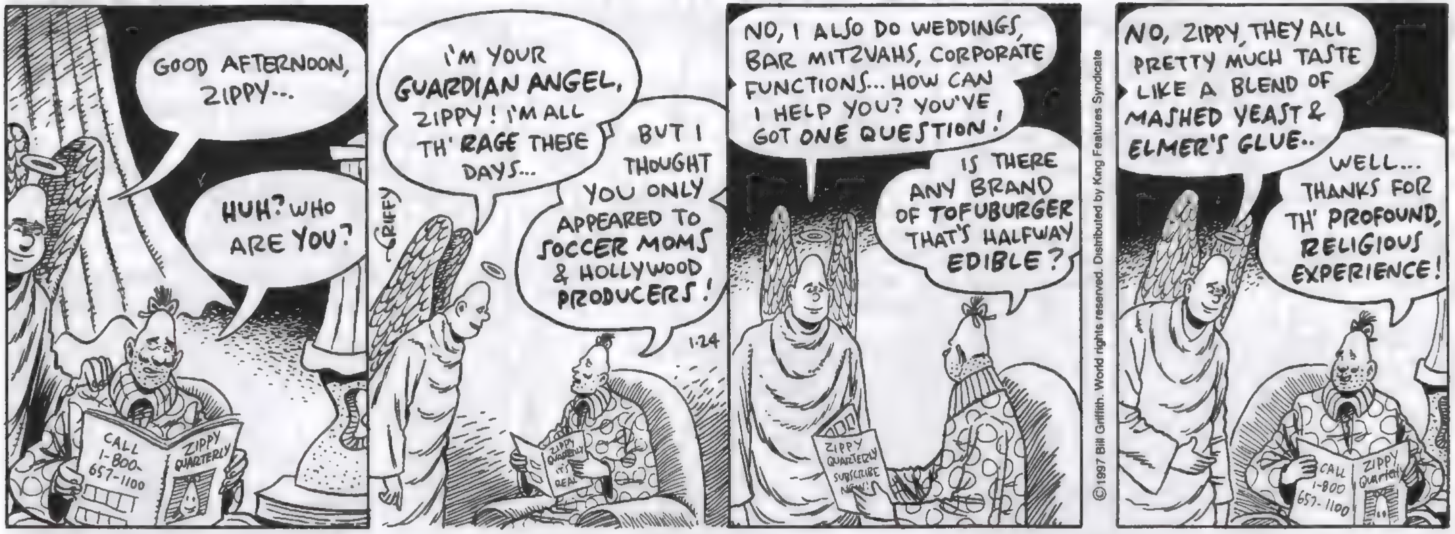
GRIFFY
I WANT TO GO TO TH' MOUNTAINS! TH' SEASHORE, TH' OPEN ROAD! DO YOU WANT TO COME WITH ME, ZIPPY!?
I CAN'T RIGHT NOW, ZERBINA! I'M HAVING A WILD ADVENTURE!
1-23
REALLY--- AND JUST WHERE ARE YOU HAVING THIS WILD ADVENTURE?
TH' GREAT INDOORS!!

ZIPPY "VISITATION SITUATION" BILL GRIFFITH


GOOD AFTERNOON, ZIPPY...
HUH? WHO ARE YOU?
CALL 1-800 657-1100
ZIPPY QUARTERLY
I'M YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL, ZIPPY! I'M ALL TH' RAGE THESE DAYS...
BUT I THOUGHT YOU ONLY APPEARED TO SOCCER MOMS & HOLLYWOOD PRODUCERS!
GRIFFY
1-24
ZIPPY QUARTERLY IT'S REAL
NO, I ALSO DO WEDDINGS, BAR MITZVAHS, CORPORATE FUNCTIONS... HOW CAN I HELP YOU? YOU'VE GOT ONE QUESTION!
IS THERE ANY BRAND OF TOFUBURGER THAT'S HALFWAY EDIBLE?
ZIPPY QUARTERLY SUBSCRIBE NOW!
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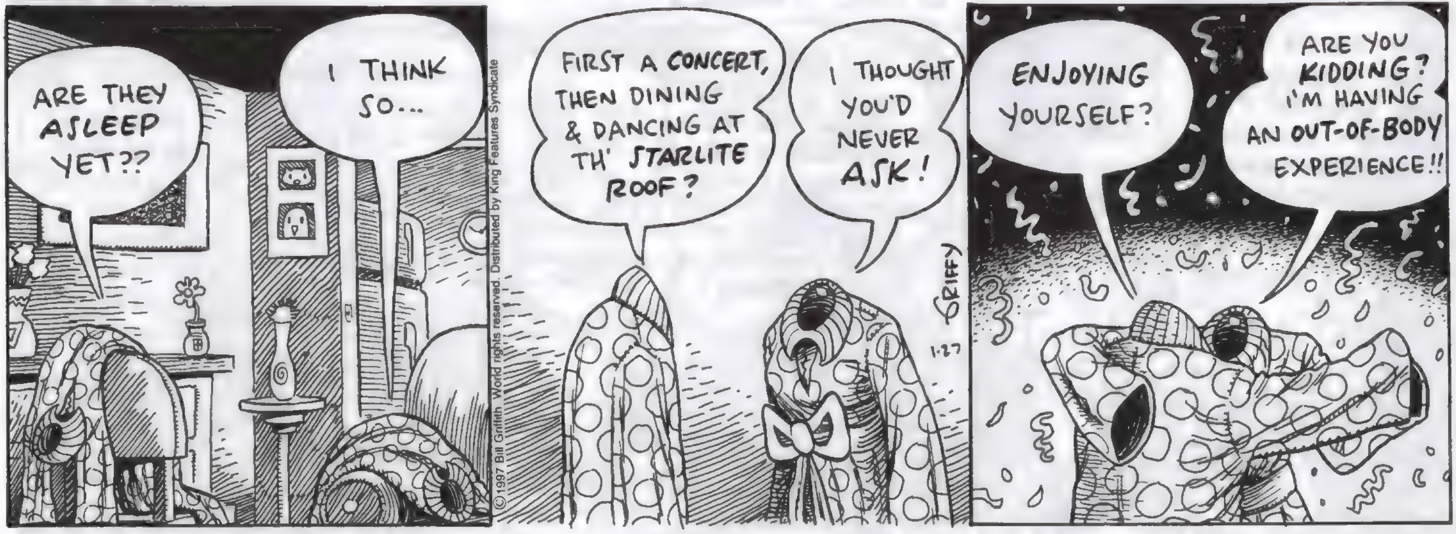
NO, ZIPPY, THEY ALL PRETTY MUCH TASTE LIKE A BLEND OF MASHED YEAST & ELMER'S GLUE..
WELL... THANKS FOR TH' PROFOUND, RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE!
CALL 1-800 657-1100
ZIPPY QUARTERLY

ZIPPY "CLOTHES, BUT NO CIGAR" BILL GRIFFITH


ARE THEY ASLEEP YET??
I THINK SO...
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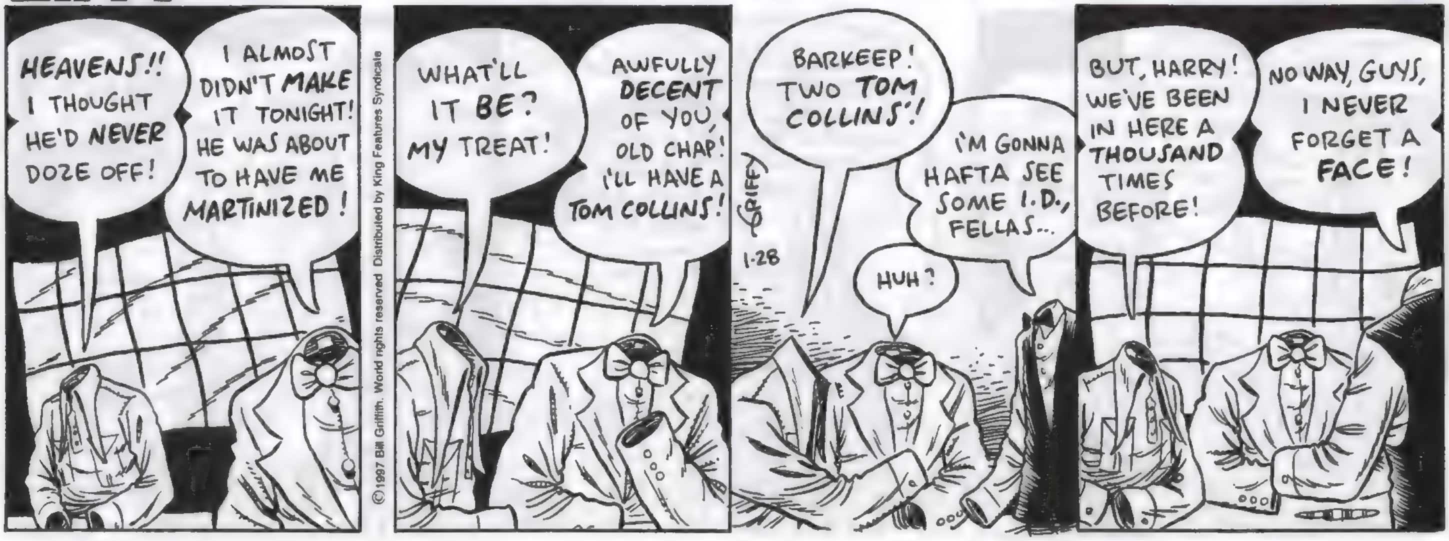
FIRST A CONCERT, THEN DINING & DANCING AT TH' STARLITE ROOF?
I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK!
GRIFFY
1-27
ENJOYING YOURSELF?
ARE YOU KIDDING? I'M HAVING AN OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE!!

ZIPPY "CLOTHING TIME" BILL GRIFFITH


HEAVENS!! I THOUGHT HE'D NEVER DOZE OFF!
I ALMOST DIDN'T MAKE IT TONIGHT! HE WAS ABOUT TO HAVE ME MARTINIZED!
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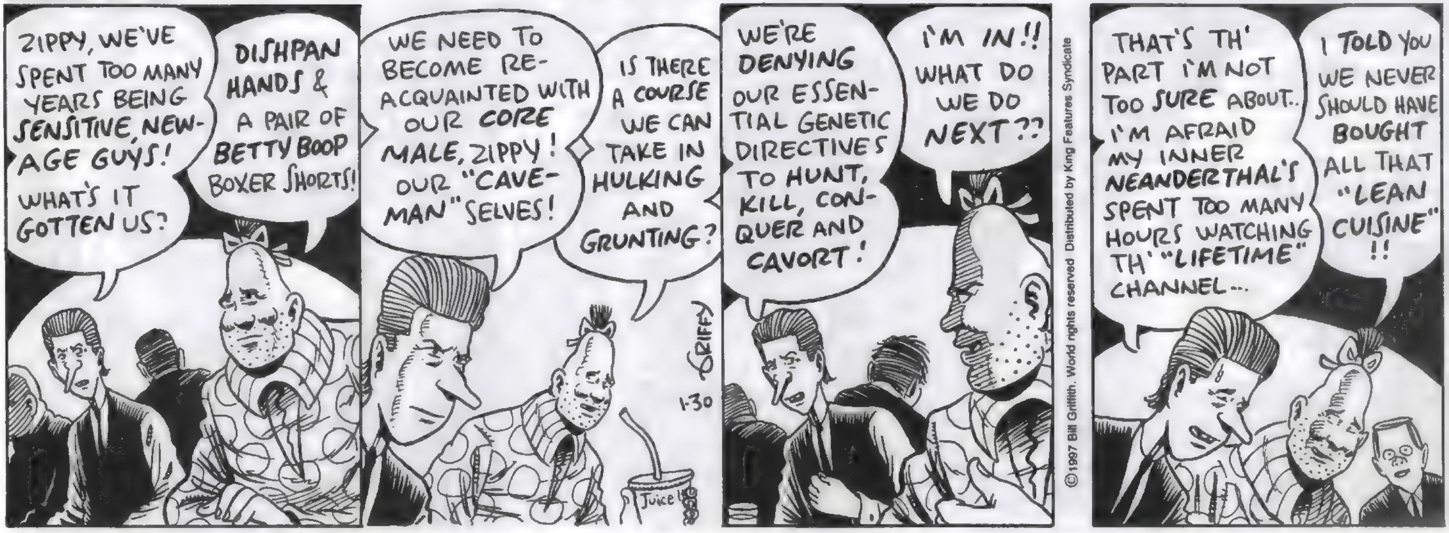
WHAT'LL IT BE? MY TREAT!
AWFULLY DECENT OF YOU, OLD CHAP! I'LL HAVE A TOM COLLINS!
GRIFFY
1-28
BARKEEP! TWO TOM COLLINS'!
I'M GONNA HAFTA SEE SOME I.D., FELLAS...
HUH?
BUT, HARRY! WE'VE BEEN IN HERE A THOUSAND TIMES BEFORE!
NO WAY, GUYS, I NEVER FORGET A FACE!

ZIPPY "THE BUTT-HEAD WITHIN" BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY, WE'VE SPENT TOO MANY YEARS BEING SENSITIVE, NEW-AGE GUYS! WHAT'S IT GOTTEN US?
DISHPAN HANDS & A PAIR OF BETTY BOOP BOXER SHORTS!
WE NEED TO BECOME RE-ACQUAINTED WITH OUR CORE MALE, ZIPPY! OUR "CAVE-MAN" SELVES!
IS THERE A COURSE WE CAN TAKE IN HULKING AND GRUNTING?
GRIFFY
1·30
Juice
WE'RE DENYING OUR ESSEN-TIAL GENETIC DIRECTIVES TO HUNT, KILL, CON-QUER AND CAVORT!
I'M IN!! WHAT DO WE DO NEXT??
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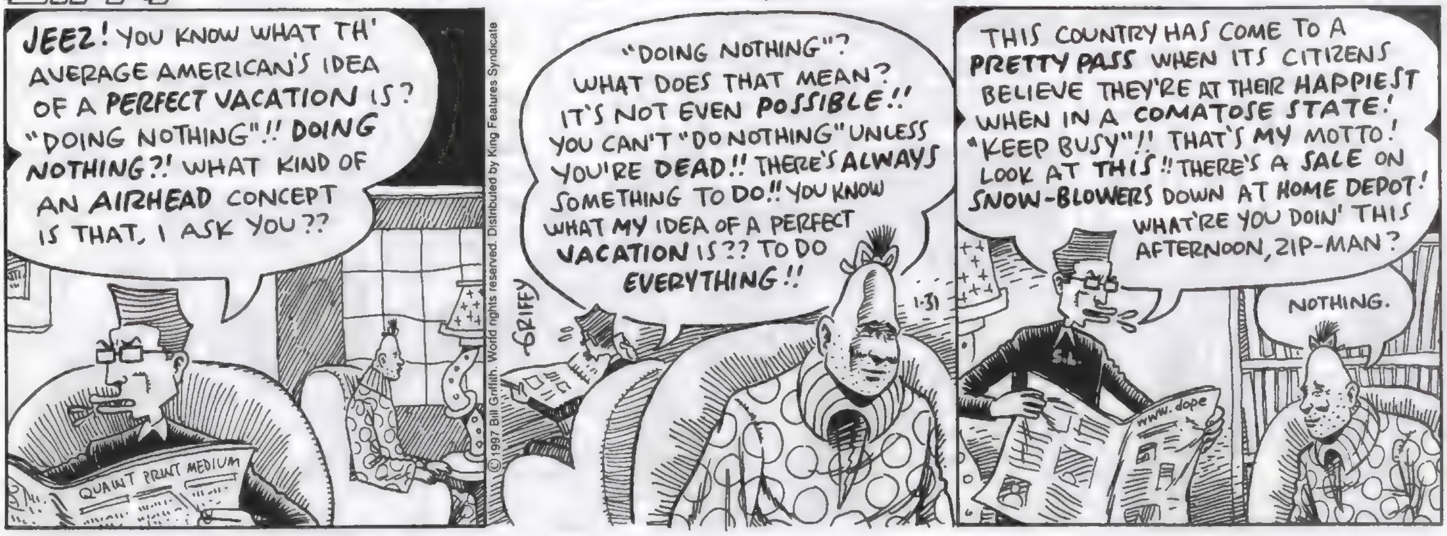
THAT'S TH' PART I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT.. I'M AFRAID MY INNER NEANDERTHAL'S SPENT TOO MANY HOURS WATCHING TH' "LIFETIME" CHANNEL...
I TOLD YOU WE NEVER SHOULD HAVE BOUGHT ALL THAT "LEAN CUISINE"!!

ZIPPY "BEING HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE" BILL GRIFFITH


JEEZ! YOU KNOW WHAT TH' AVERAGE AMERICAN'S IDEA OF A PERFECT VACATION IS? "DOING NOTHING"!! DOING NOTHING?! WHAT KIND OF AN AIRHEAD CONCEPT IS THAT, I ASK YOU??
QUAINT PRINT MEDIUM
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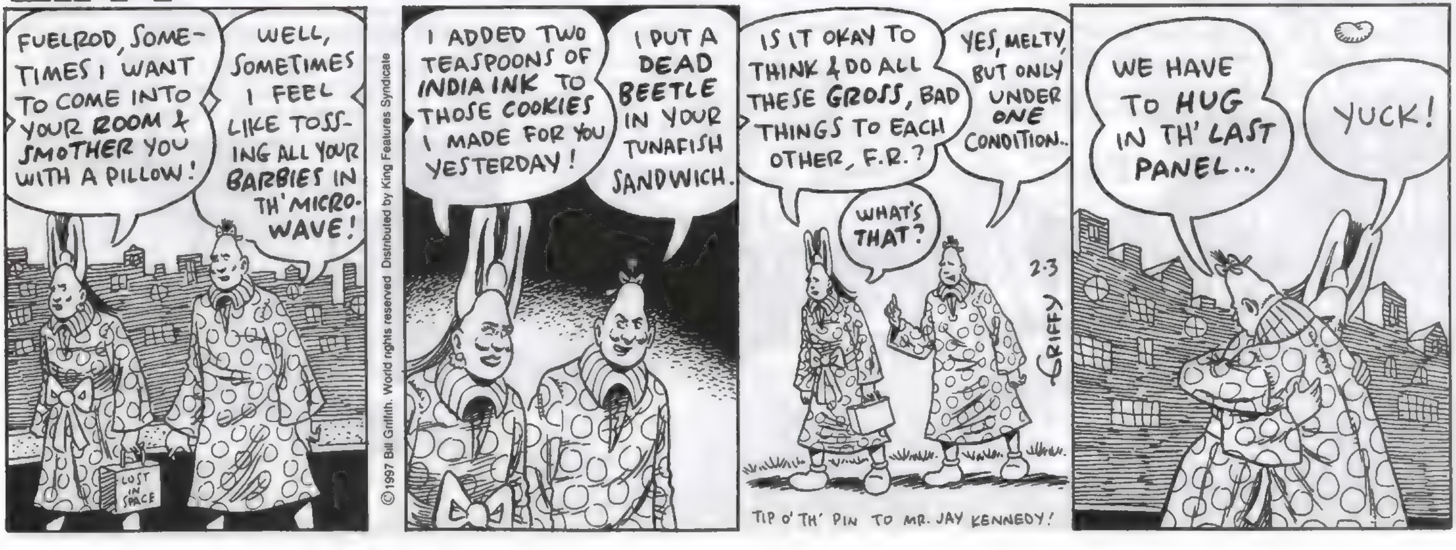
GRIFFY
"DOING NOTHING"? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IT'S NOT EVEN POSSIBLE!! YOU CAN'T "DO NOTHING" UNLESS YOU'RE DEAD!! THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO!! YOU KNOW WHAT MY IDEA OF A PERFECT VACATION IS?? TO DO EVERYTHING!!
1·31
THIS COUNTRY HAS COME TO A PRETTY PASS WHEN ITS CITIZENS BELIEVE THEY'RE AT THEIR HAPPIEST WHEN IN A COMATOSE STATE! "KEEP BUSY"!! THAT'S MY MOTTO! LOOK AT THIS!! THERE'S A SALE ON SNOW-BLOWERS DOWN AT HOME DEPOT! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' THIS AFTERNOON, ZIP-MAN?
S.L.
www.dope
NOTHING.

ZIPPY "SIBLING QUIBBLING" BILL GRIFFITH


FUELROD, SOME-TIMES I WANT TO COME INTO YOUR ROOM & SMOTHER YOU WITH A PILLOW!
WELL, SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE TOSS-ING ALL YOUR BARBIES IN TH' MICRO-WAVE!
LOST IN SPACE
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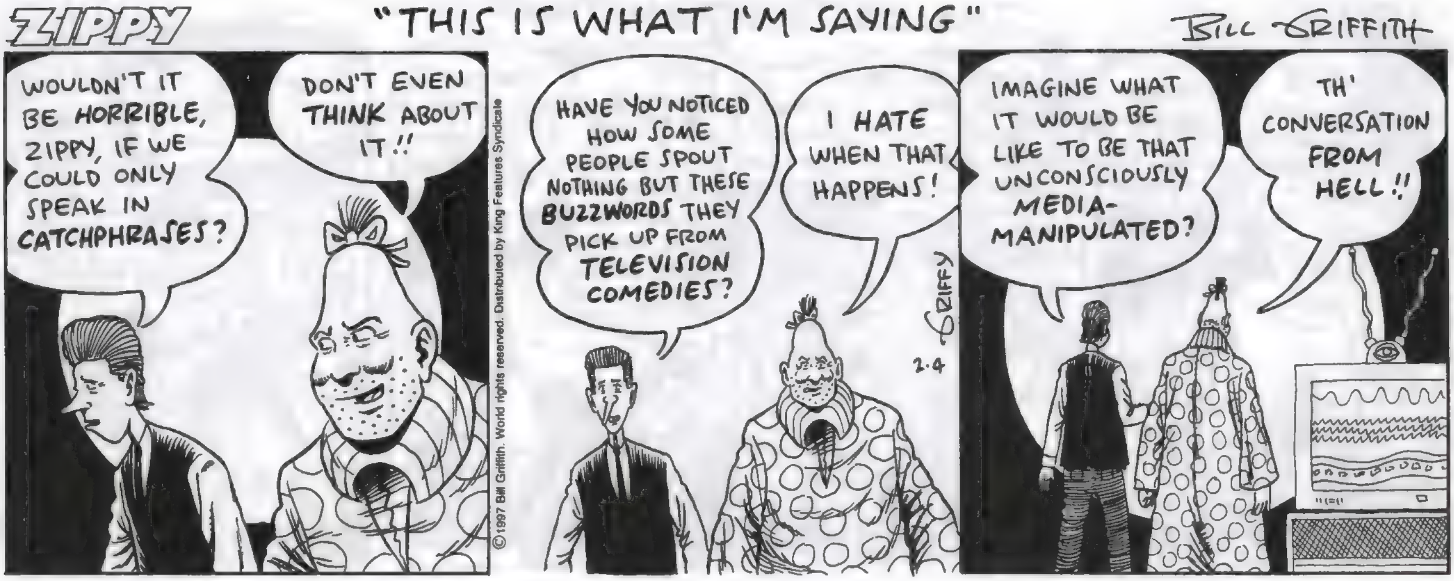
I ADDED TWO TEASPOONS OF INDIA INK TO THOSE COOKIES I MADE FOR YOU YESTERDAY!
I PUT A DEAD BEETLE IN YOUR TUNAFISH SANDWICH.
IS IT OKAY TO THINK & DO ALL THESE GROSS, BAD THINGS TO EACH OTHER, F.R.?
YES, MELTY, BUT ONLY UNDER ONE CONDITION..
WHAT'S THAT?
2·3
GRIFFY
TIP O' TH' PIN TO MR. JAY KENNEDY!
WE HAVE TO HUG IN TH' LAST PANEL...
YUCK!


ZIPPY
"THIS IS WHAT I'M SAYING"
BILL GRIFFITH
WOULDN'T IT BE HORRIBLE, ZIPPY, IF WE COULD ONLY SPEAK IN CATCHPHRASES?
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!!
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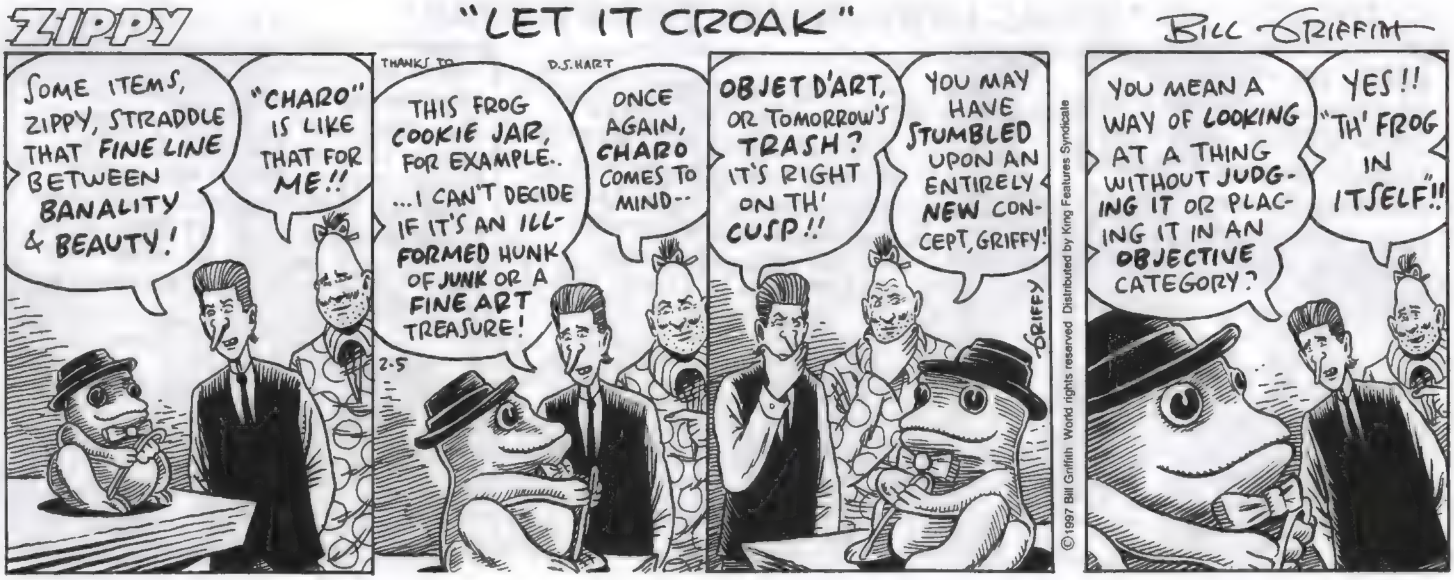
HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW SOME PEOPLE SPOUT NOTHING BUT THESE BUZZWORDS THEY PICK UP FROM TELEVISION COMEDIES?
I HATE WHEN THAT HAPPENS!
GRIFFY
2·4
IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO BE THAT UNCONSCIOUSLY MEDIA-MANIPULATED?
TH' CONVERSATION FROM HELL!!


ZIPPY
"LET IT CROAK"
BILL GRIFFITH
SOME ITEMS, ZIPPY, STRADDLE THAT FINE LINE BETWEEN BANALITY & BEAUTY!
"CHARO" IS LIKE THAT FOR ME!!
THANKS TO D.S.HART
THIS FROG COOKIE JAR, FOR EXAMPLE.. ...I CAN'T DECIDE IF IT'S AN ILL-FORMED HUNK OF JUNK OR A FINE ART TREASURE!
ONCE AGAIN, CHARO COMES TO MIND--
2·5
OBJET D'ART, OR TOMORROW'S TRASH? IT'S RIGHT ON TH' CUSP!!
YOU MAY HAVE STUMBLED UPON AN ENTIRELY NEW CONCEPT, GRIFFY!
GRIFFY
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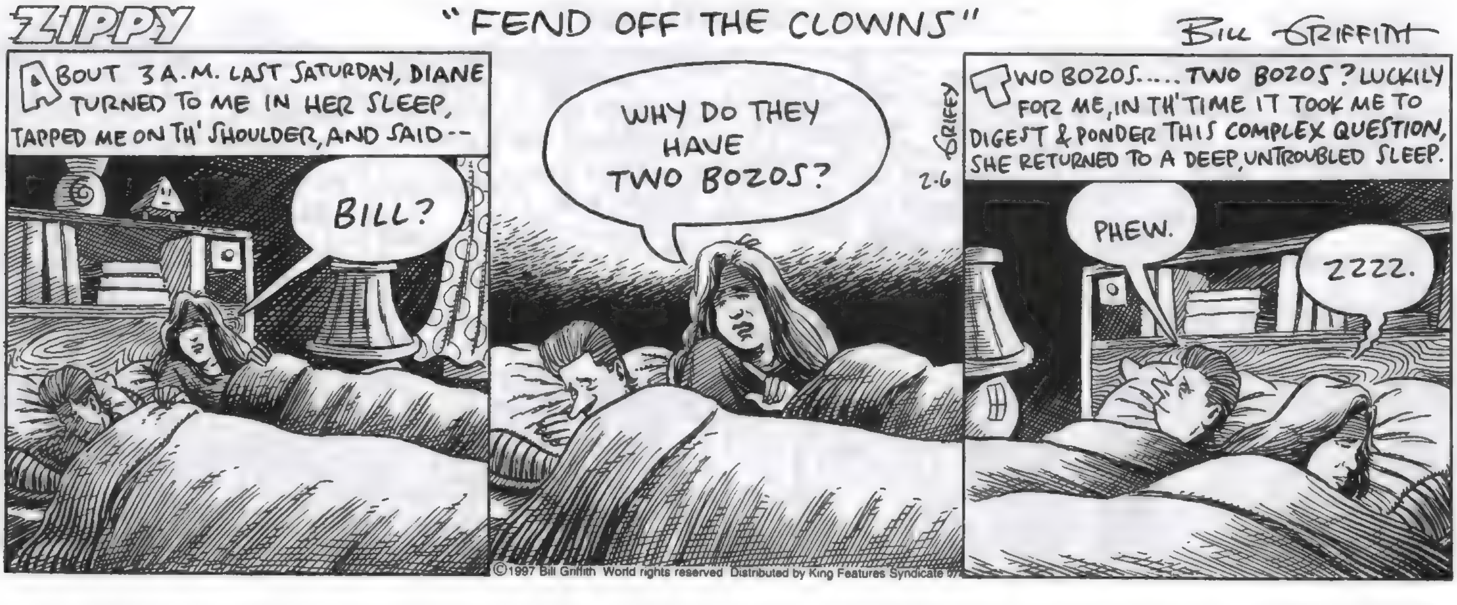
YOU MEAN A WAY OF LOOKING AT A THING WITHOUT JUDGING IT OR PLACING IT IN AN OBJECTIVE CATEGORY?
YES!! "TH' FROG IN ITSELF"!!


ZIPPY
"FEND OFF THE CLOWNS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ABOUT 3 A.M. LAST SATURDAY, DIANE TURNED TO ME IN HER SLEEP, TAPPED ME ON TH' SHOULDER, AND SAID--
BILL?
WHY DO THEY HAVE TWO BOZOS?
GRIFFY
2·6
TWO BOZOS..... TWO BOZOS? LUCKILY FOR ME, IN TH' TIME IT TOOK ME TO DIGEST & PONDER THIS COMPLEX QUESTION, SHE RETURNED TO A DEEP, UNTROUBLED SLEEP.
PHEW.
ZZZZ.
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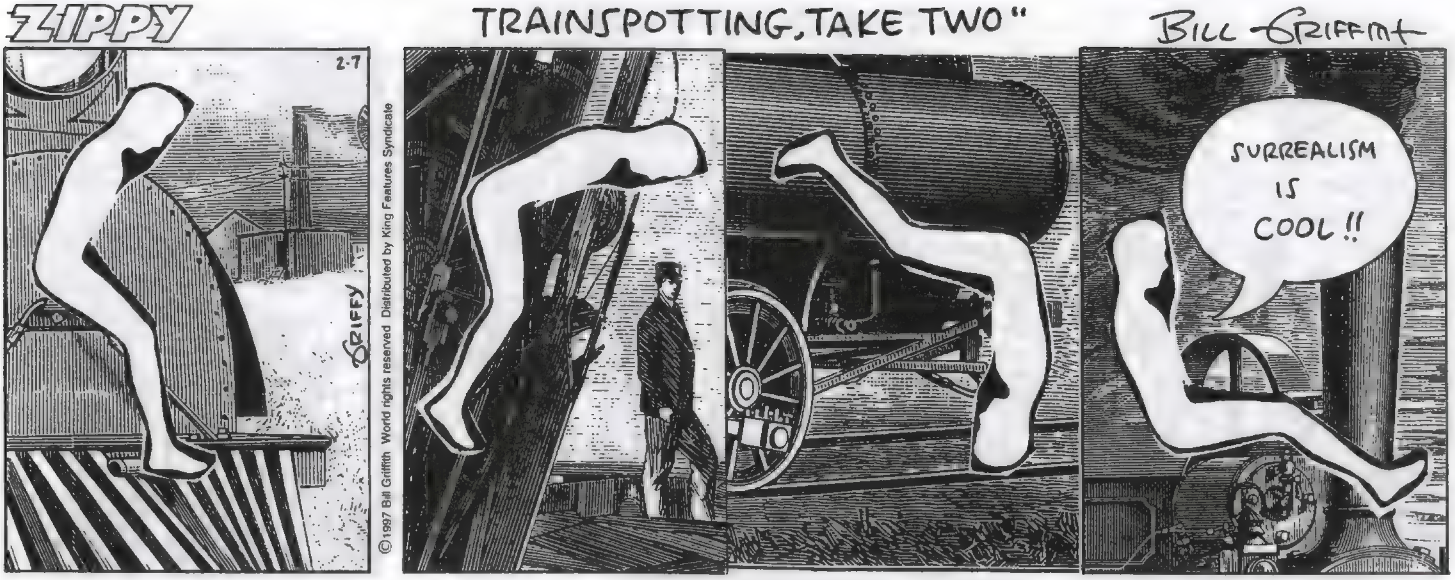
ZIPPY
TRAINSPOTTING, TAKE TWO"
BILL GRIFFITH
2-7
GRIFFY
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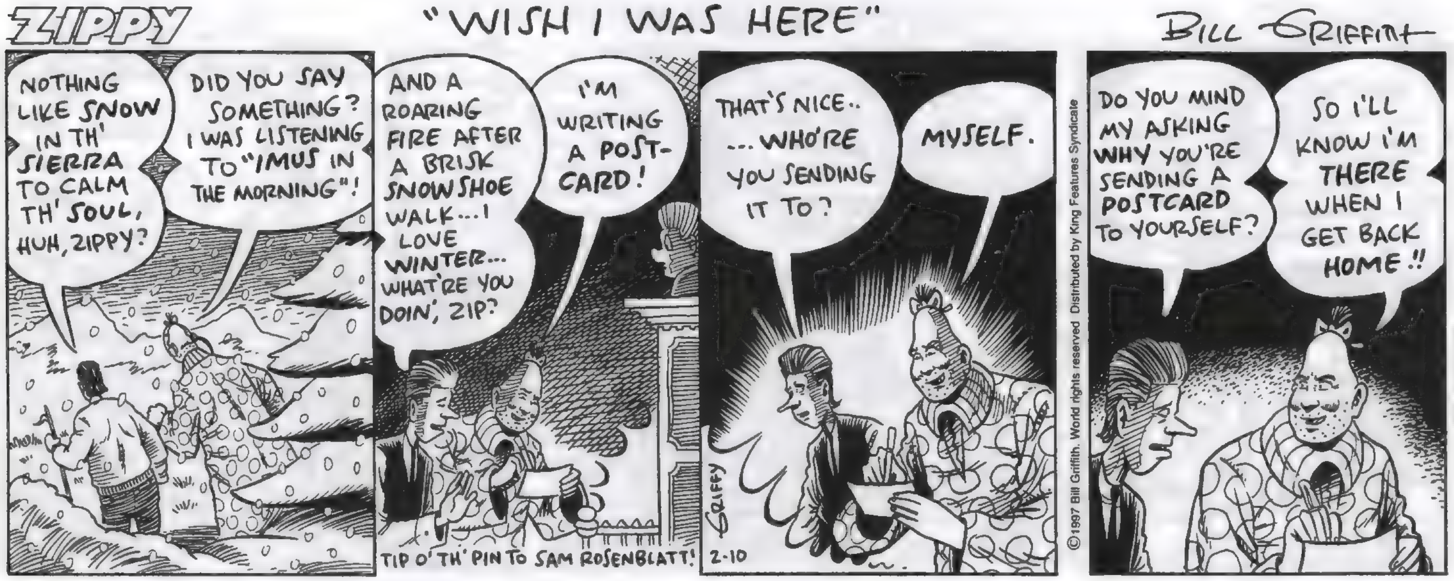
SURREALISM IS COOL!!


ZIPPY
"WISH I WAS HERE"
BILL GRIFFITH
NOTHING LIKE SNOW IN TH' SIERRA TO CALM TH' SOUL, HUH, ZIPPY?
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING? I WAS LISTENING TO "IMUS IN THE MORNING"!
AND A ROARING FIRE AFTER A BRISK SNOWSHOE WALK... I LOVE WINTER... WHAT'RE YOU DOIN', ZIP?
I'M WRITING A POST-CARD!
TIP O' TH' PIN TO SAM ROSENBLATT!
THAT'S NICE.. ...WHO'RE YOU SENDING IT TO?
MYSELF.
GRIFFY
2-10
DO YOU MIND MY ASKING WHY YOU'RE SENDING A POSTCARD TO YOURSELF?
SO I'LL KNOW I'M THERE WHEN I GET BACK HOME!!
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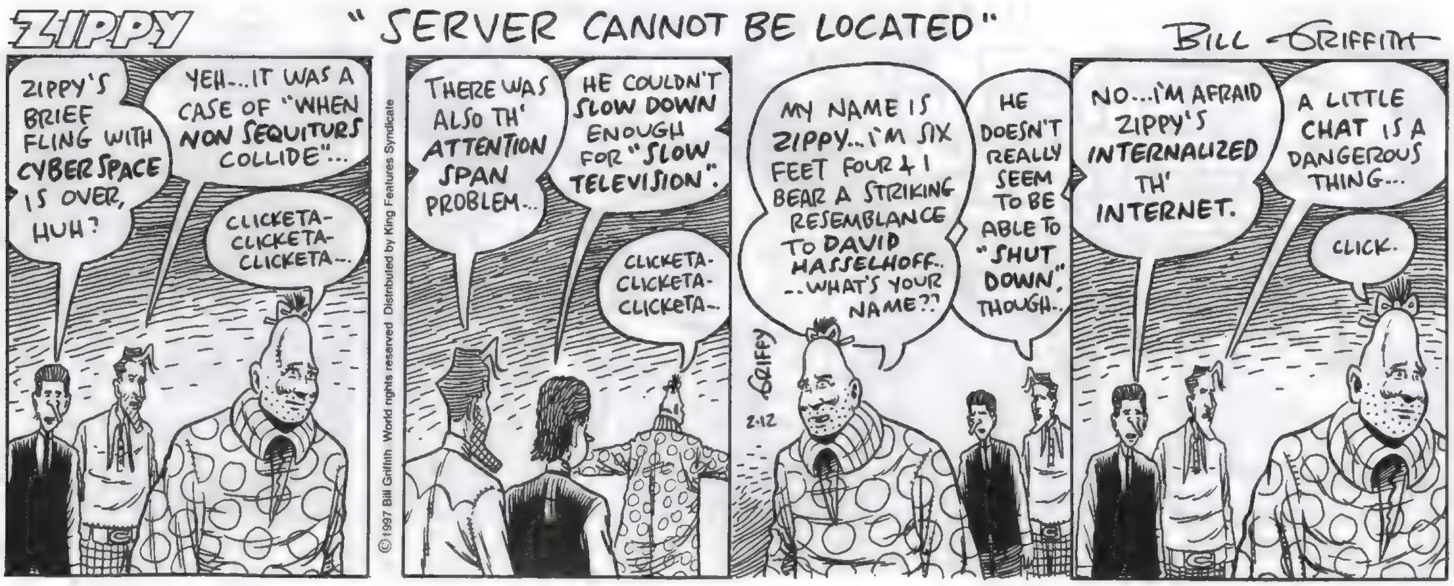
ZIPPY
" SERVER CANNOT BE LOCATED"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY'S BRIEF FLING WITH CYBERSPACE IS OVER, HUH?
YEH... IT WAS A CASE OF "WHEN NON SEQUITURS COLLIDE"...
CLICKETA-CLICKETA-CLICKETA...
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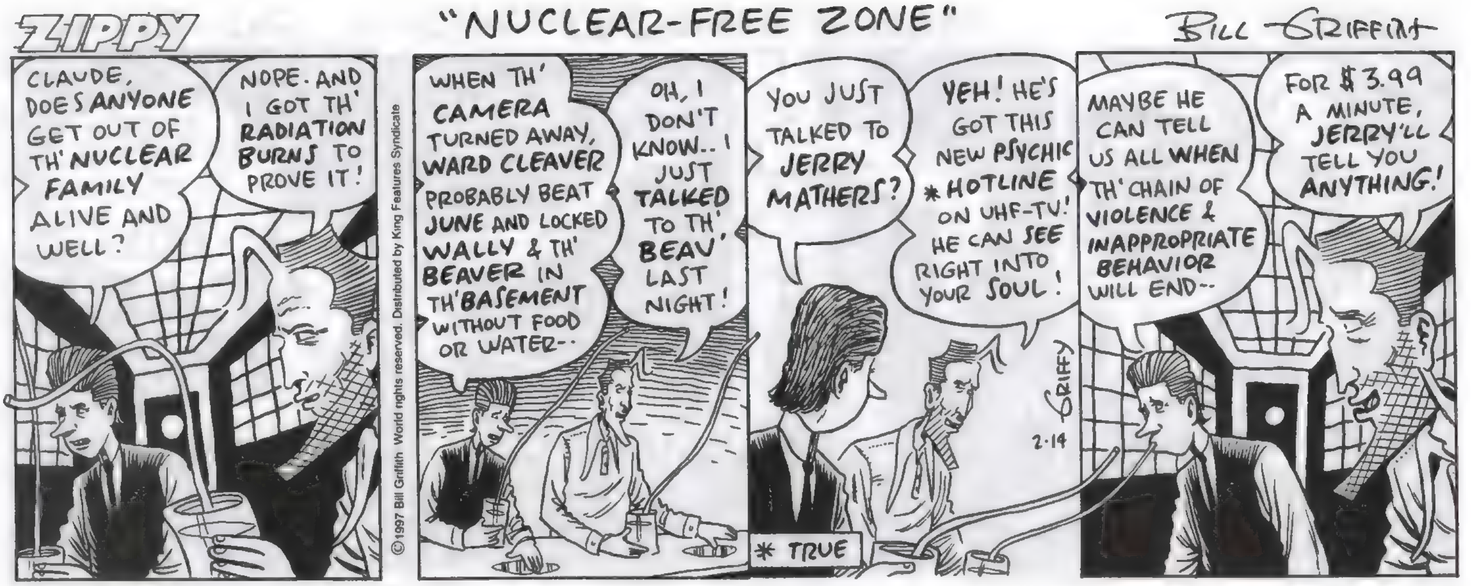
THERE WAS ALSO TH' ATTENTION SPAN PROBLEM...
HE COULDN'T SLOW DOWN ENOUGH FOR "SLOW TELEVISION".
CLICKETA-CLICKETA-CLICKETA..
MY NAME IS ZIPPY... I'M SIX FEET FOUR & I BEAR A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO DAVID HASSELHOFF.. ..WHAT'S YOUR NAME??
HE DOESN'T REALLY SEEM TO BE ABLE TO "SHUT DOWN", THOUGH..
GRIFFY
2-12
NO... I'M AFRAID ZIPPY'S INTERNALIZED TH' INTERNET.
A LITTLE CHAT IS A DANGEROUS THING...
CLICK.


ZIPPY
"NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE"
BILL GRIFFITH
CLAUDE, DOES ANYONE GET OUT OF TH' NUCLEAR FAMILY ALIVE AND WELL?
NOPE. AND I GOT TH' RADIATION BURNS TO PROVE IT!
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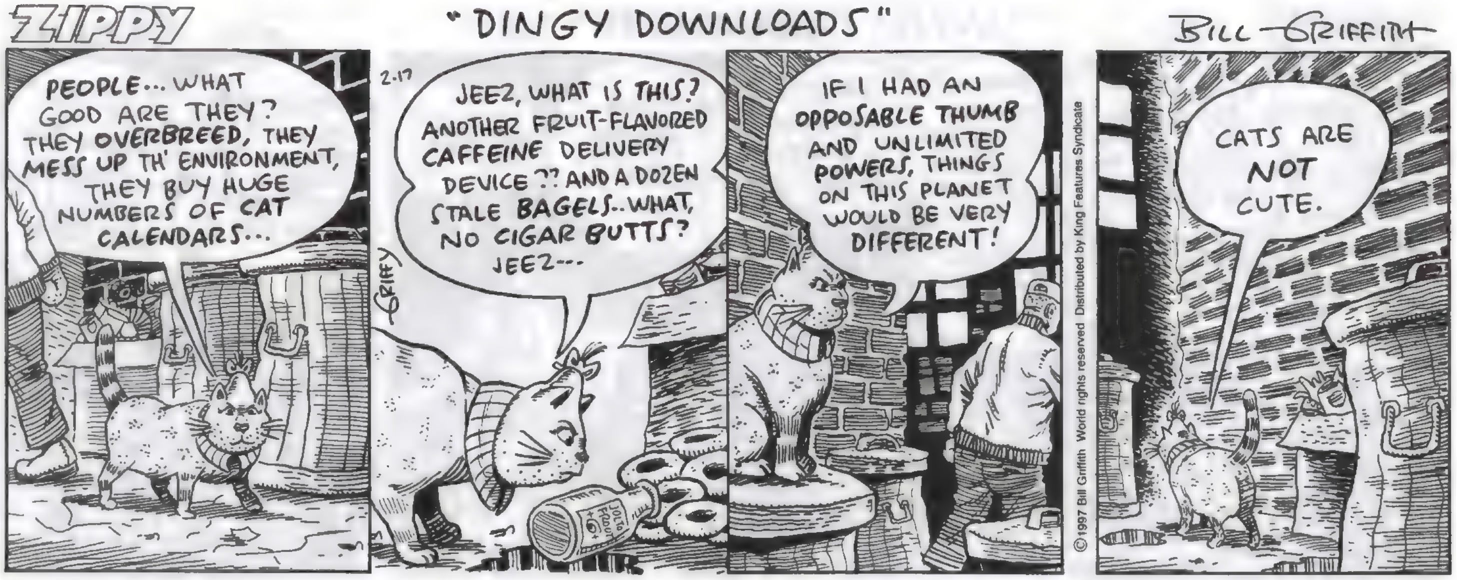
WHEN TH' CAMERA TURNED AWAY, WARD CLEAVER PROBABLY BEAT JUNE AND LOCKED WALLY & TH' BEAVER IN TH' BASEMENT WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER--
OH, I DON'T KNOW.. I JUST TALKED TO TH' BEAV' LAST NIGHT!
YOU JUST TALKED TO JERRY MATHERS?
YEH! HE'S GOT THIS NEW PSYCHIC *HOTLINE ON UHF-TV! HE CAN SEE RIGHT INTO YOUR SOUL!
* TRUE
GRIFFY
2-14
MAYBE HE CAN TELL US ALL WHEN TH' CHAIN OF VIOLENCE & INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR WILL END--
FOR $3.99 A MINUTE, JERRY'LL TELL YOU ANYTHING!


ZIPPY
"DINGY DOWNLOADS"
BILL GRIFFITH
PEOPLE... WHAT GOOD ARE THEY? THEY OVERBREED, THEY MESS UP TH' ENVIRONMENT, THEY BUY HUGE NUMBERS OF CAT CALENDARS...
2-17
JEEZ, WHAT IS THIS? ANOTHER FRUIT-FLAVORED CAFFEINE DELIVERY DEVICE?? AND A DOZEN STALE BAGELS..WHAT, NO CIGAR BUTTS? JEEZ---
GRIFFY
IF I HAD AN OPPOSABLE THUMB AND UNLIMITED POWERS, THINGS ON THIS PLANET WOULD BE VERY DIFFERENT!
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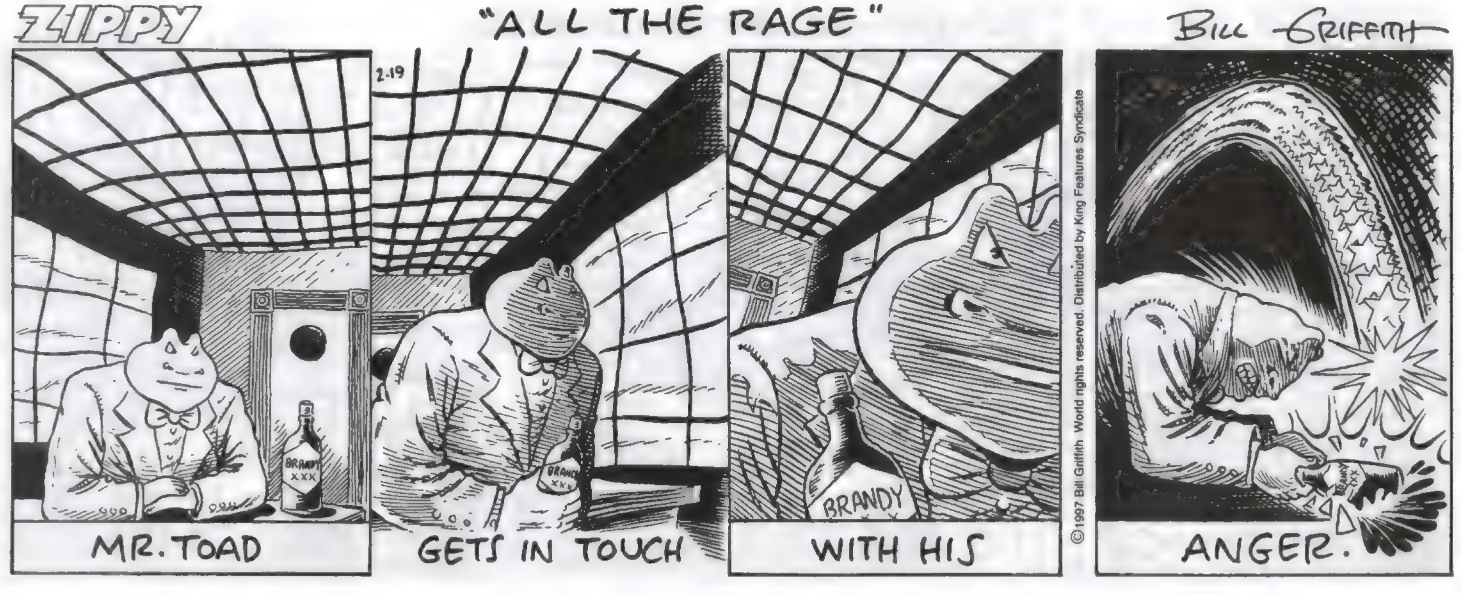
CATS ARE NOT CUTE.


ZIPPY
"ALL THE RAGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
BRANDY XXX
MR. TOAD
2-19
GETS IN TOUCH
BRANDY
WITH HIS
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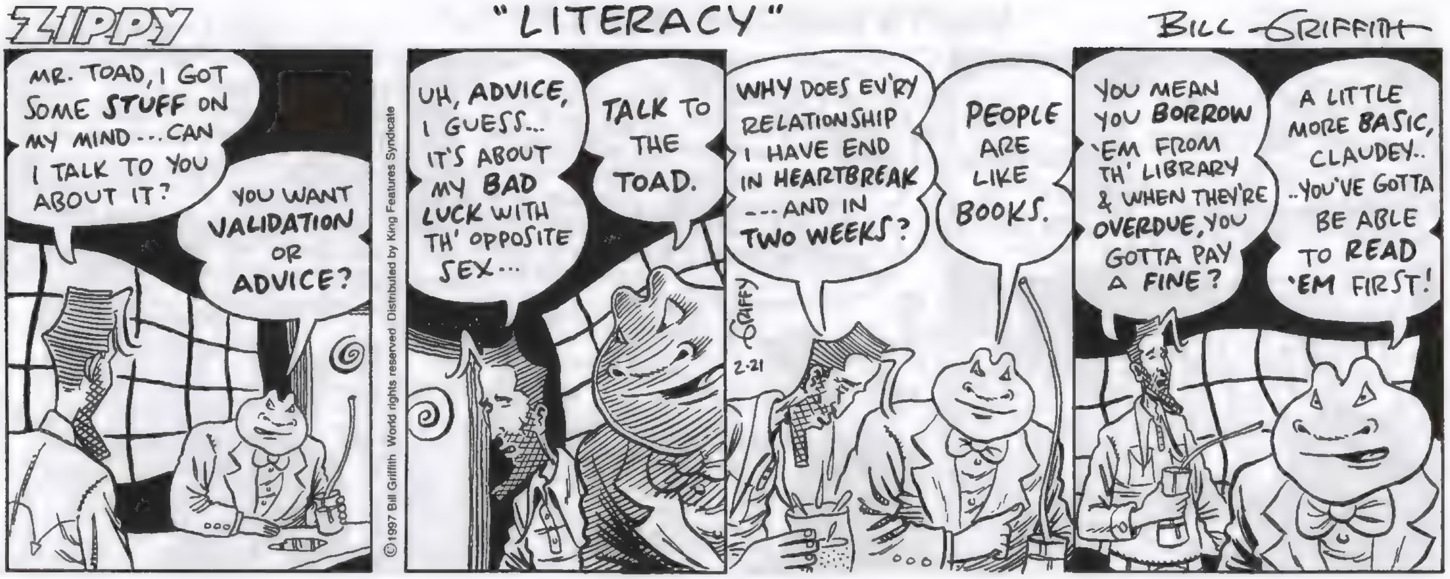
ANGER.


ZIPPY
"LITERACY"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, I GOT SOME STUFF ON MY MIND... CAN I TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT?
YOU WANT VALIDATION OR ADVICE?
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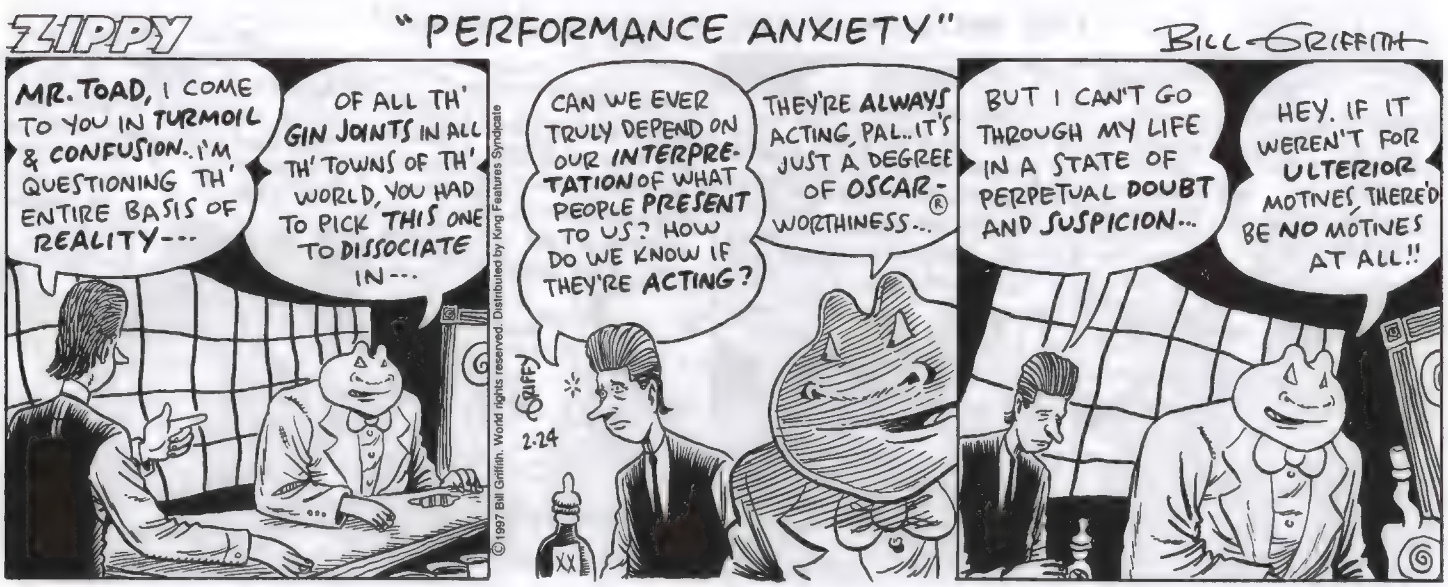
UH, ADVICE, I GUESS... IT'S ABOUT MY BAD LUCK WITH TH' OPPOSITE SEX...
TALK TO THE TOAD.
GRIFFY 2-21
WHY DOES EV'RY RELATIONSHIP I HAVE END IN HEARTBREAK ---AND IN TWO WEEKS?
PEOPLE ARE LIKE BOOKS.
YOU MEAN YOU BORROW 'EM FROM TH' LIBRARY & WHEN THEY'RE OVERDUE, YOU GOTTA PAY A FINE?
A LITTLE MORE BASIC, CLAUDEY.. ..YOU'VE GOTTA BE ABLE TO READ 'EM FIRST!


ZIPPY
"PERFORMANCE ANXIETY"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, I COME TO YOU IN TURMOIL & CONFUSION.. I'M QUESTIONING TH' ENTIRE BASIS OF REALITY---
OF ALL TH' GIN JOINTS IN ALL TH' TOWNS OF TH' WORLD, YOU HAD TO PICK THIS ONE TO DISSOCIATE IN---
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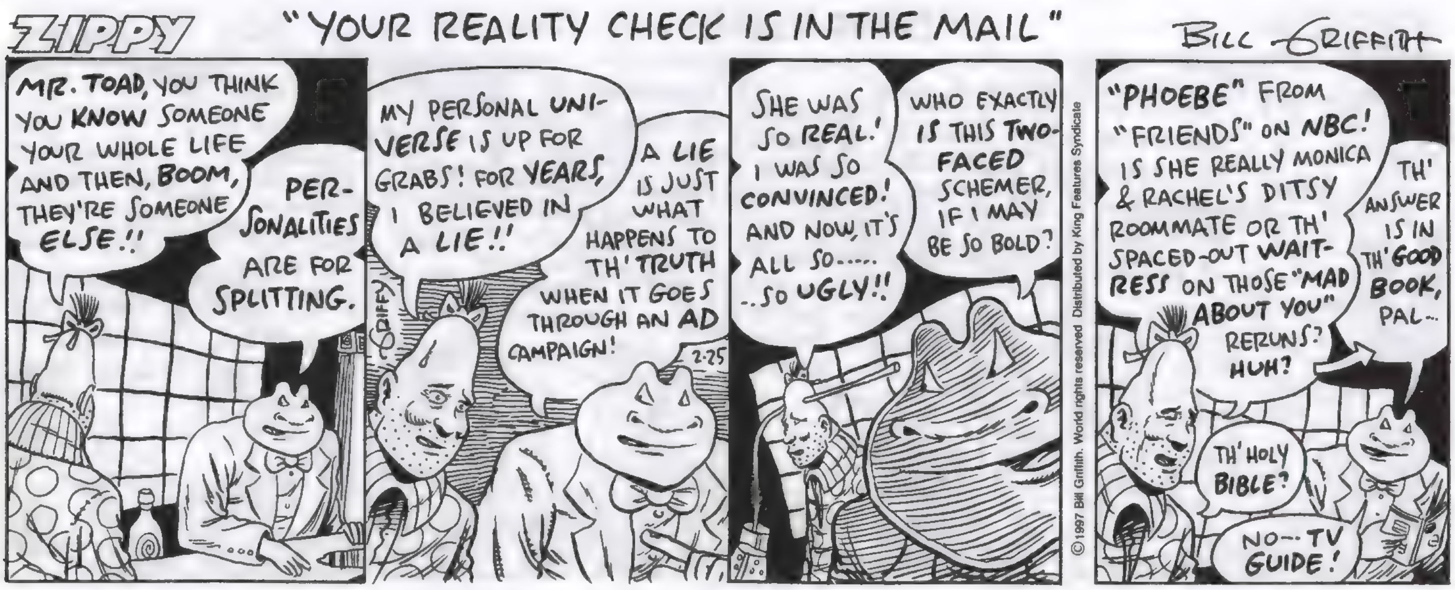
CAN WE EVER TRULY DEPEND ON OUR INTERPRETATION OF WHAT PEOPLE PRESENT TO US? HOW DO WE KNOW IF THEY'RE ACTING?
THEY'RE ALWAYS ACTING, PAL.. IT'S JUST A DEGREE OF OSCAR®-WORTHINESS...
GRIFFY 2-24
XX
BUT I CAN'T GO THROUGH MY LIFE IN A STATE OF PERPETUAL DOUBT AND SUSPICION...
HEY. IF IT WEREN'T FOR ULTERIOR MOTIVES, THERE'D BE NO MOTIVES AT ALL!!


ZIPPY
"YOUR REALITY CHECK IS IN THE MAIL"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, YOU THINK YOU KNOW SOMEONE YOUR WHOLE LIFE AND THEN, BOOM, THEY'RE SOMEONE ELSE!!
PERSONALITIES ARE FOR SPLITTING.
MY PERSONAL UNIVERSE IS UP FOR GRABS! FOR YEARS, I BELIEVED IN A LIE!!
A LIE IS JUST WHAT HAPPENS TO TH' TRUTH WHEN IT GOES THROUGH AN AD CAMPAIGN!
GRIFFY 2-25
SHE WAS SO REAL! I WAS SO CONVINCED! AND NOW, IT'S ALL SO..... ..SO UGLY!!
WHO EXACTLY IS THIS TWO-FACED SCHEMER, IF I MAY BE SO BOLD?
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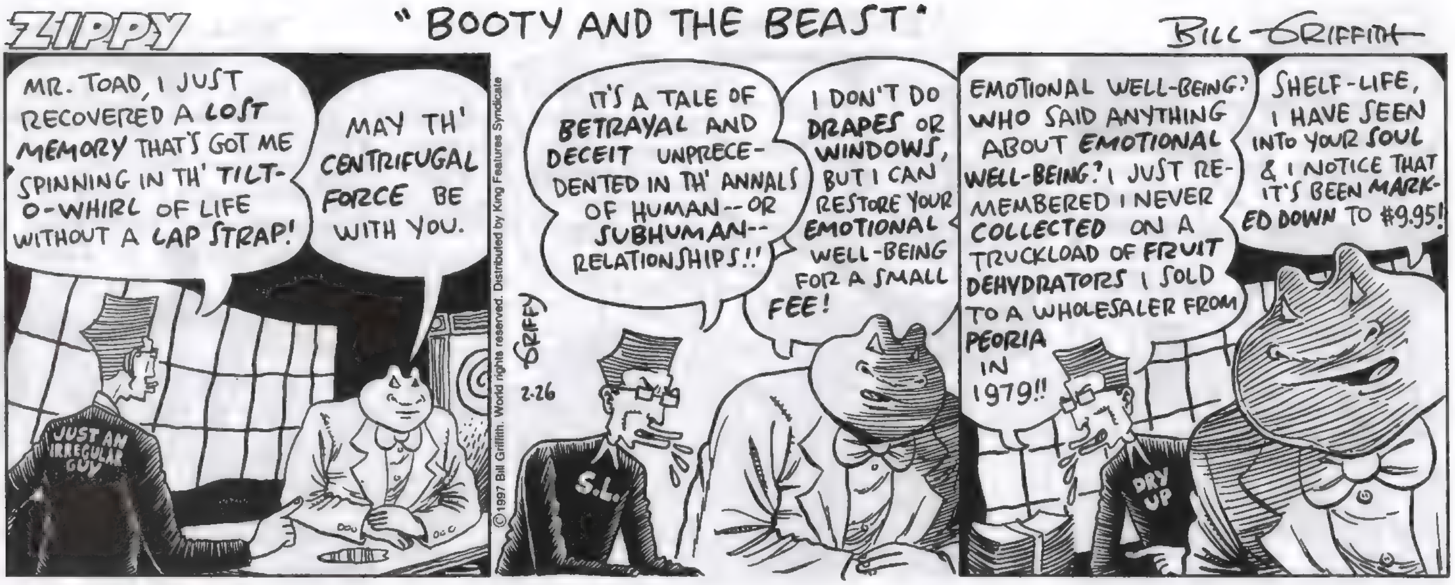
"PHOEBE" FROM "FRIENDS" ON NBC! IS SHE REALLY MONICA & RACHEL'S DITSY ROOMMATE OR TH' SPACED-OUT WAITRESS ON THOSE "MAD ABOUT YOU" RERUNS? HUH?
TH' ANSWER IS IN TH' GOOD BOOK, PAL...
TH' HOLY BIBLE?
NO--- TV GUIDE!


ZIPPY
"BOOTY AND THE BEAST"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, I JUST RECOVERED A LOST MEMORY THAT'S GOT ME SPINNING IN TH' TILT-O-WHIRL OF LIFE WITHOUT A LAP STRAP!
MAY TH' CENTRIFUGAL FORCE BE WITH YOU.
JUST AN IRREGULAR GUY
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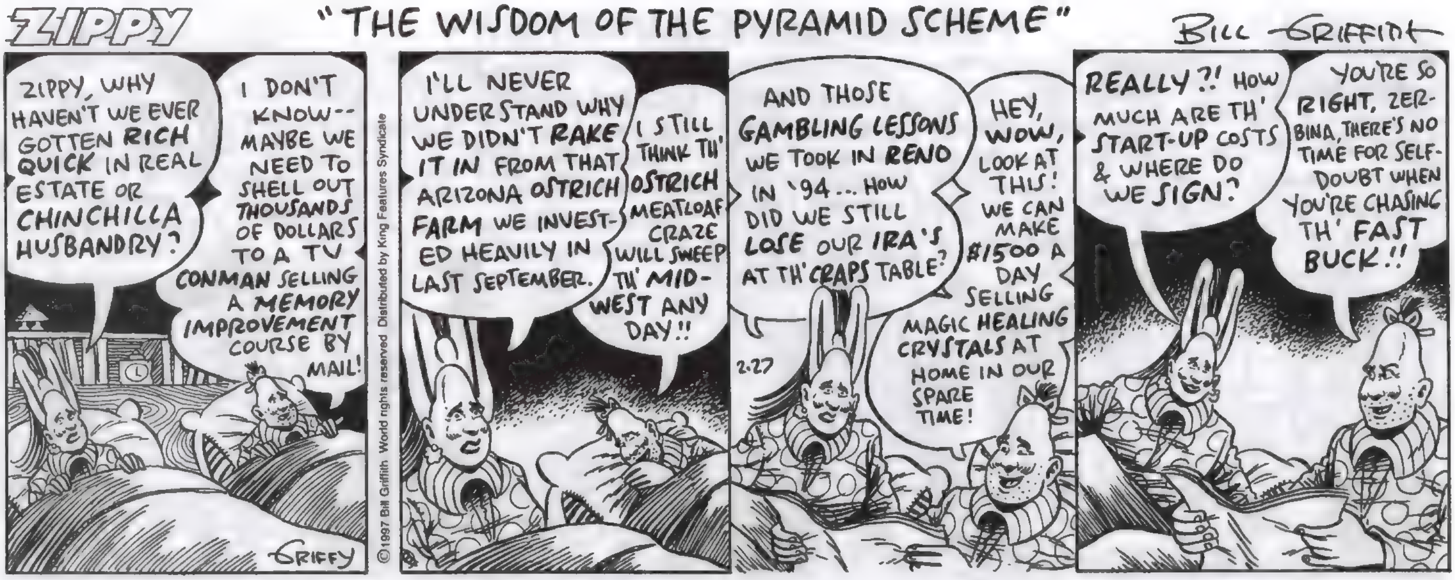
GRIFFY
2-26
IT'S A TALE OF BETRAYAL AND DECEIT UNPRECEDENTED IN TH' ANNALS OF HUMAN--OR SUBHUMAN--RELATIONSHIPS!!
I DON'T DO DRAPES OR WINDOWS, BUT I CAN RESTORE YOUR EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING FOR A SMALL FEE!
S.L.
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING? WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING? I JUST REMEMBERED I NEVER COLLECTED ON A TRUCKLOAD OF FRUIT DEHYDRATORS I SOLD TO A WHOLESALER FROM PEORIA IN 1979!!
SHELF-LIFE, I HAVE SEEN INTO YOUR SOUL & I NOTICE THAT IT'S BEEN MARKED DOWN TO $9.95!
DRY UP


ZIPPY
"THE WISDOM OF THE PYRAMID SCHEME"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WHY HAVEN'T WE EVER GOTTEN RICH QUICK IN REAL ESTATE OR CHINCHILLA HUSBANDRY?
I DON'T KNOW--MAYBE WE NEED TO SHELL OUT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO A TV CONMAN SELLING A MEMORY IMPROVEMENT COURSE BY MAIL!
GRIFFY
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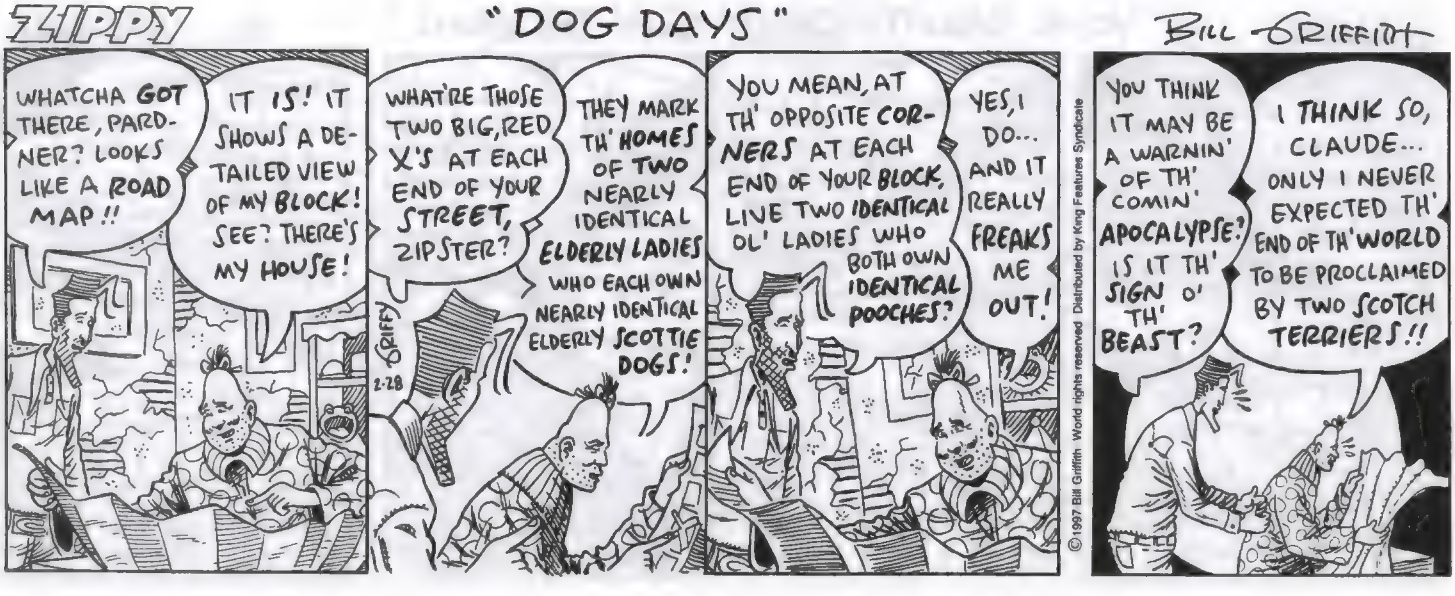
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY WE DIDN'T RAKE IT IN FROM THAT ARIZONA OSTRICH FARM WE INVESTED HEAVILY IN LAST SEPTEMBER.
I STILL THINK TH' OSTRICH MEATLOAF CRAZE WILL SWEEP TH' MIDWEST ANY DAY!!
AND THOSE GAMBLING LESSONS WE TOOK IN RENO IN '94... HOW DID WE STILL LOSE OUR IRA'S AT TH' CRAPS TABLE?
HEY, WOW, LOOK AT THIS! WE CAN MAKE $1500 A DAY SELLING MAGIC HEALING CRYSTALS AT HOME IN OUR SPARE TIME!
2-27
REALLY?! HOW MUCH ARE TH' START-UP COSTS & WHERE DO WE SIGN?
YOU'RE SO RIGHT, ZERBINA, THERE'S NO TIME FOR SELF-DOUBT WHEN YOU'RE CHASING TH' FAST BUCK!!


ZIPPY
"DOG DAYS"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHATCHA GOT THERE, PARDNER? LOOKS LIKE A ROAD MAP!!
IT IS! IT SHOWS A DETAILED VIEW OF MY BLOCK! SEE? THERE'S MY HOUSE!
WHAT'RE THOSE TWO BIG, RED X'S AT EACH END OF YOUR STREET, ZIPSTER?
THEY MARK TH' HOMES OF TWO NEARLY IDENTICAL ELDERLY LADIES WHO EACH OWN NEARLY IDENTICAL ELDERLY SCOTTIE DOGS!
GRIFFY
2-28
YOU MEAN, AT TH' OPPOSITE CORNERS AT EACH END OF YOUR BLOCK, LIVE TWO IDENTICAL OL' LADIES WHO BOTH OWN IDENTICAL POOCHES?
YES, I DO... AND IT REALLY FREAKS ME OUT!
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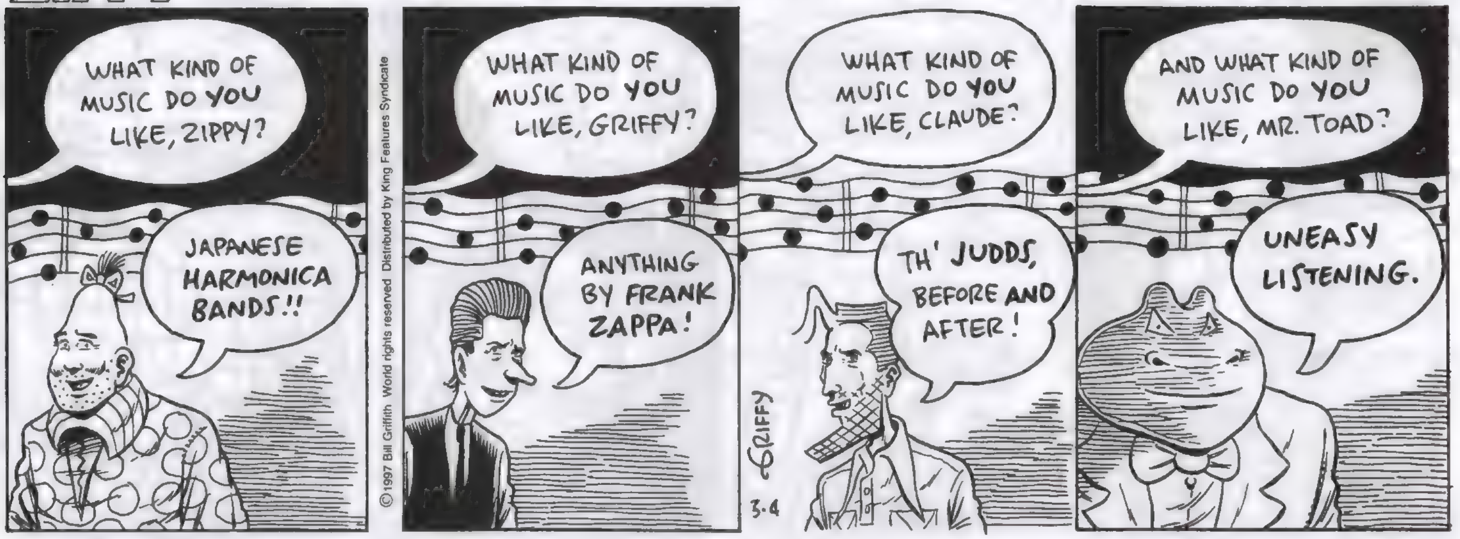
YOU THINK IT MAY BE A WARNIN' OF TH' COMIN' APOCALYPSE? IS IT TH' SIGN O' TH' BEAST?
I THINK SO, CLAUDE... ONLY I NEVER EXPECTED TH' END OF TH' WORLD TO BE PROCLAIMED BY TWO SCOTCH TERRIERS!!

ZIPPY "NATURAL SELECTION" BILL GRIFFITH


WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE, ZIPPY?
JAPANESE HARMONICA BANDS!!
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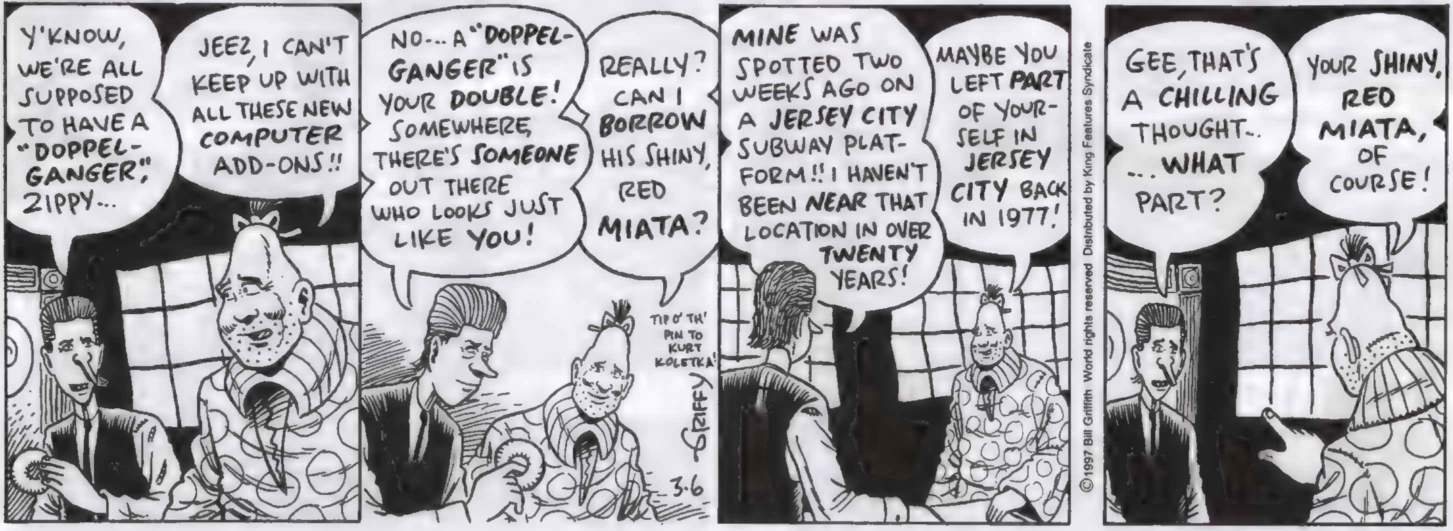
WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE, GRIFFY?
ANYTHING BY FRANK ZAPPA!
WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE, CLAUDE?
TH' JUDDS, BEFORE AND AFTER!
GRIFFY
3-4
AND WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE, MR. TOAD?
UNEASY LISTENING.

ZIPPY "DOUBLE TALK" BILL GRIFFITH


Y'KNOW, WE'RE ALL SUPPOSED TO HAVE A "DOPPEL-GANGER", ZIPPY...
JEEZ, I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH ALL THESE NEW COMPUTER ADD-ONS!!
NO... A "DOPPEL-GANGER" IS YOUR DOUBLE! SOMEWHERE, THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU!
REALLY? CAN I BORROW HIS SHINY, RED MIATA?
TIP O' TH' PIN TO KURT KOLETKA!
GRIFFY
3-6
MINE WAS SPOTTED TWO WEEKS AGO ON A JERSEY CITY SUBWAY PLAT-FORM!! I HAVEN'T BEEN NEAR THAT LOCATION IN OVER TWENTY YEARS!
MAYBE YOU LEFT PART OF YOUR-SELF IN JERSEY CITY BACK IN 1977!
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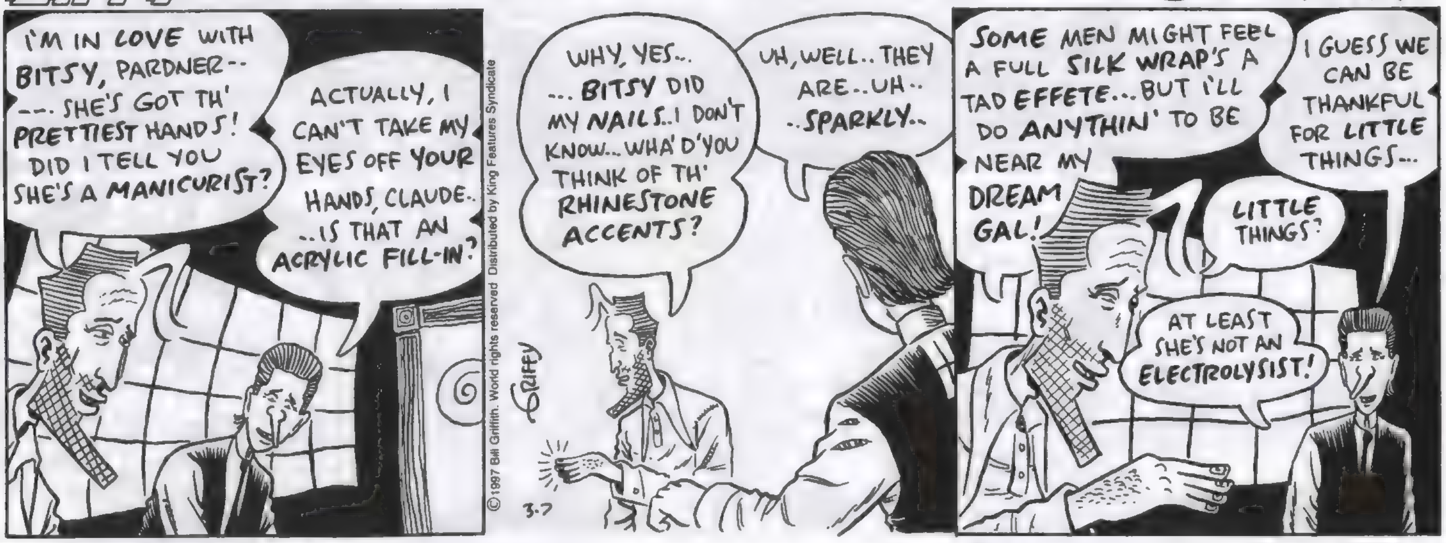
GEE, THAT'S A CHILLING THOUGHT... ...WHAT PART?
YOUR SHINY, RED MIATA, OF COURSE!

ZIPPY "HANDLE WITH CARE" BILL GRIFFITH


I'M IN LOVE WITH BITSY, PARDNER-- ---. SHE'S GOT TH' PRETTIEST HANDS! DID I TELL YOU SHE'S A MANICURIST?
ACTUALLY, I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOUR HANDS, CLAUDE.. ..IS THAT AN ACRYLIC FILL-IN?
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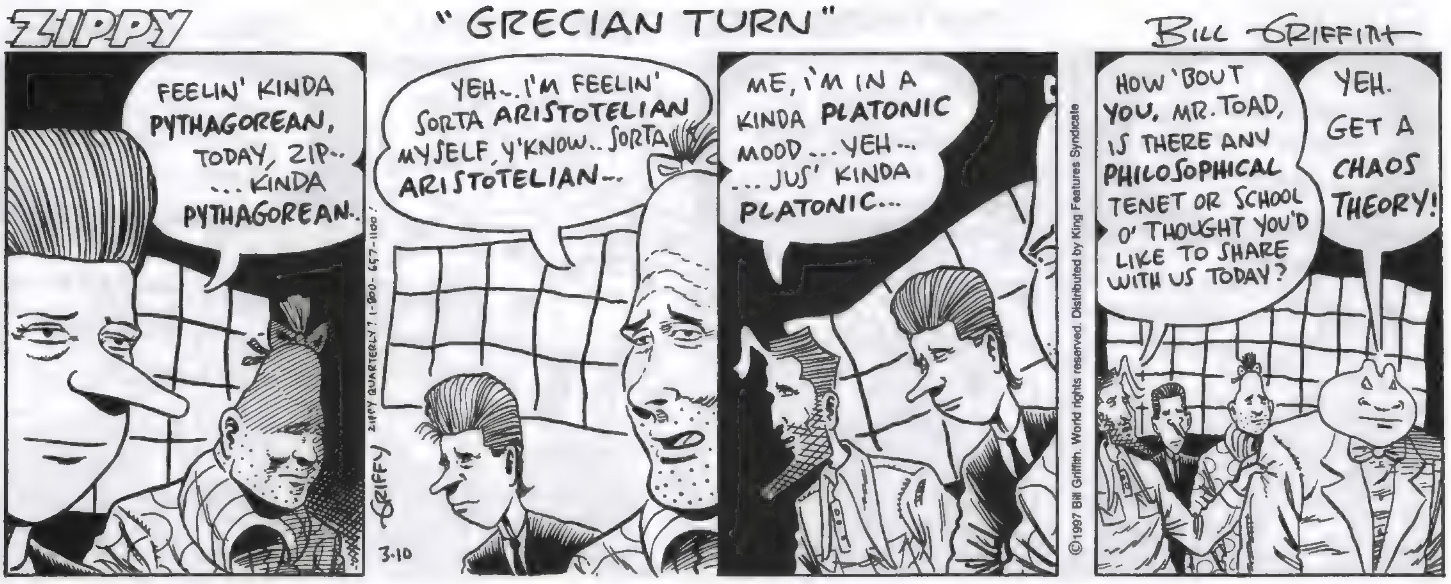
WHY, YES.. ...BITSY DID MY NAILS..I DON'T KNOW...WHA' D'YOU THINK OF TH' RHINESTONE ACCENTS?
UH, WELL.. THEY ARE..UH.. ..SPARKLY..
GRIFFY
3-7
SOME MEN MIGHT FEEL A FULL SILK WRAP'S A TAD EFFETE...BUT I'LL DO ANYTHIN' TO BE NEAR MY DREAM GAL!
I GUESS WE CAN BE THANKFUL FOR LITTLE THINGS...
LITTLE THINGS?
AT LEAST SHE'S NOT AN ELECTROLYSIST!


ZIPPY
"GRECIAN TURN"
BILL GRIFFITH
FEELIN' KINDA PYTHAGOREAN, TODAY, ZIP-- ...KINDA PYTHAGOREAN..
YEH--. I'M FEELIN' SORTA ARISTOTELIAN MYSELF, Y'KNOW.. SORTA ARISTOTELIAN--.
ZIPPY QUARTERLY? 1-800-657-1100!
GRIFFY
3-10
ME, I'M IN A KINDA PLATONIC MOOD... YEH... ...JUS' KINDA PLATONIC...
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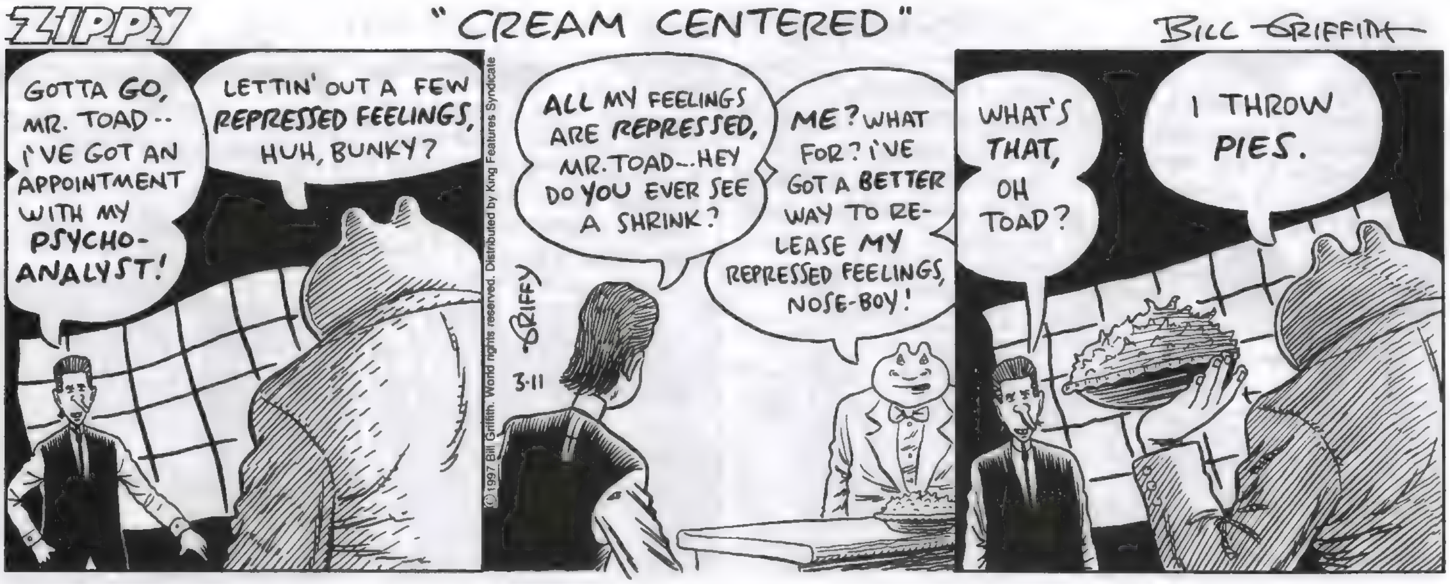
HOW 'BOUT YOU, MR. TOAD, IS THERE ANY PHILOSOPHICAL TENET OR SCHOOL O' THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH US TODAY?
YEH. GET A CHAOS THEORY!


ZIPPY
"CREAM CENTERED"
BILL GRIFFITH
GOTTA GO, MR. TOAD-- I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH MY PSYCHO-ANALYST!
LETTIN' OUT A FEW REPRESSED FEELINGS, HUH, BUNKY?
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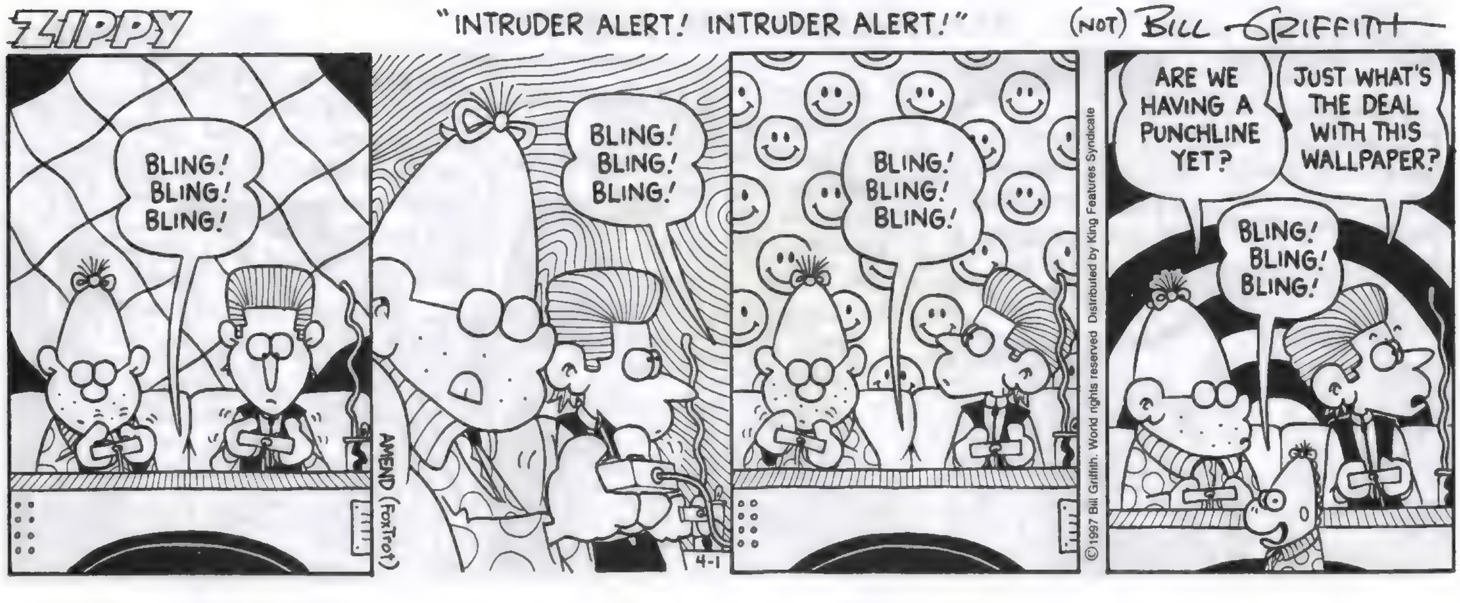
ALL MY FEELINGS ARE REPRESSED, MR. TOAD--. HEY DO YOU EVER SEE A SHRINK?
GRIFFY
3-11
ME? WHAT FOR? I'VE GOT A BETTER WAY TO RE-LEASE MY REPRESSED FEELINGS, NOSE-BOY!
WHAT'S THAT, OH TOAD?
I THROW PIES.


ZIPPY
"INTRUDER ALERT! INTRUDER ALERT!"
(NOT) BILL GRIFFITH
BLING! BLING! BLING!
BLING! BLING! BLING!
AMEND (FOXTROT)
4-1
BLING! BLING! BLING!
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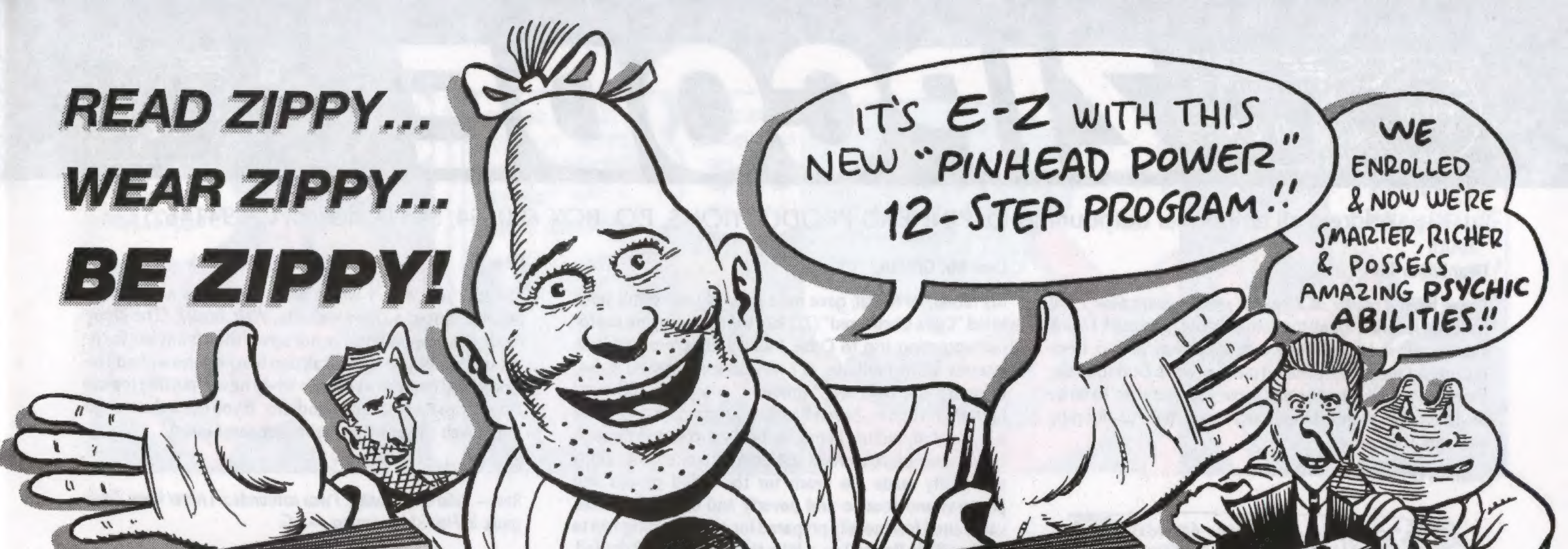
ARE WE HAVING A PUNCHLINE YET?
JUST WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS WALLPAPER?
BLING! BLING! BLING!

READ ZIPPY...
WEAR ZIPPY...
BE ZIPPY!


IT'S E-Z WITH THIS NEW "PINHEAD POWER" 12-STEP PROGRAM!!
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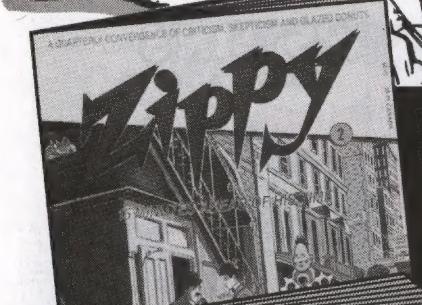
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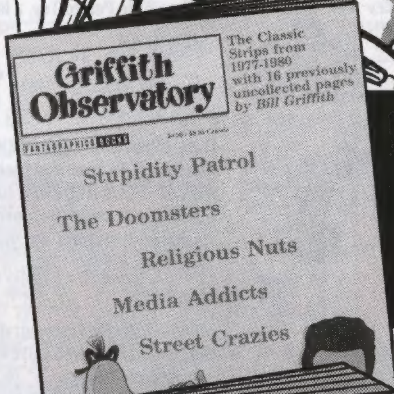
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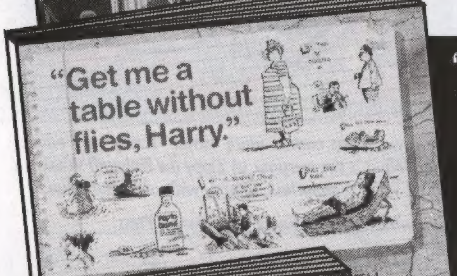
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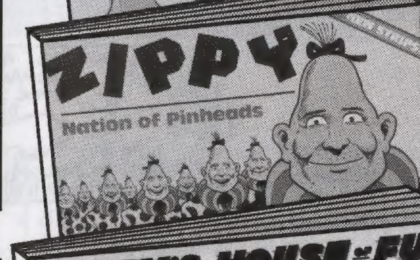
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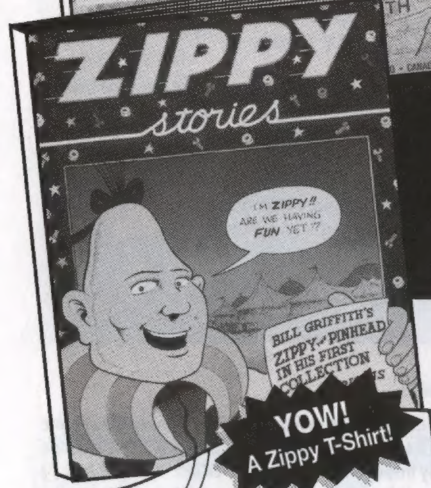
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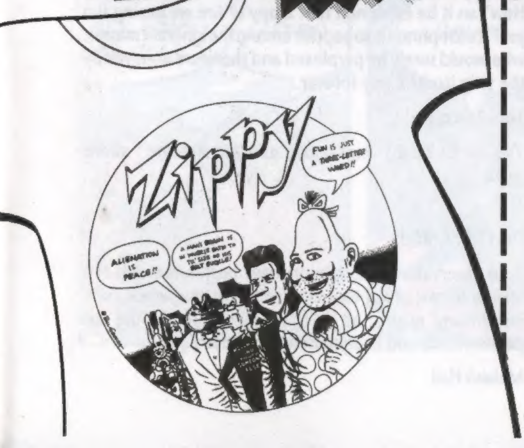
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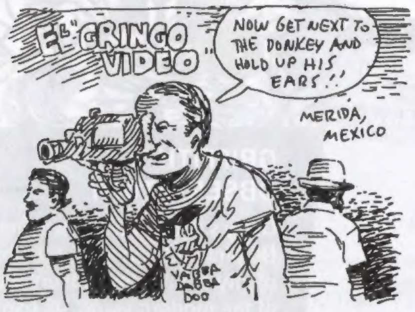
Dear Bill Griffith,

I have been a reader of *Zippy* for several years now. I still have not laughed. Of all the comic strips I have read, I think your comic is by far the worst. *Zippy* has always been disturbing and an uneducated piece of work. During all the time you have during the day, have you ever tried to write anything even slightly humorous? Please make us all happy and end *Zippy* now.

Seamus O'Connor



Dear Bill,

For years I have been traveling on the tube trains of London. I am amazed at how often I see people reading the Bible. Not once have I seen anybody reading *Zippy. Zippy Quarterly* is my bible.

Les Coleman

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Dear Bill Griffith,

(Re: an article written by B.G. for the Boston Globe on "Comics at 100" in which the author defines what he likes and dislikes about the current comic scene and rails against the mediocrity of *Dilbert*.) I find *Dilbert* extremely funny in its own — by definition — narrow world and minimal drawing style. Obviously, your strip is vastly more complex, visually and otherwise. So why do you feel threatened and angry at Scott Adams? If *Zippy* will never have the popularity *Dilbert* has now, well, that's the way of the world, i.e., to not prefer what is complex and radical. Can't you guys coexist? Know that you are appreciated (and will be) long after *Dilbert* ceases to be relevant or comprehensible.

Susan Wilkins

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Hey Bill,

I enjoyed your rant on the state of the daily comic strip. I think you are right about the general dismal state of the funny pages. I hated *Dilbert* at the start, although it has started growing on me, which I take as an indication of the softening of my brain cells.

M. Thomas Inge

Note: The article referred to by both readers above appeared in the Sunday Boston Globe, *November 10, 1996. It is also reprinted in the current issue of* The Comics Journal, *#193 (the one with the mock* New Yorker *cover). A copy may be obtained by writing ZQ. Please include an S.A.S.E. —B.G.*

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Dear Bill Griffith,

I have drawn deep moral pleasure from *Zippy* #13, for which I thank you.

Nicholson Baker

Note: Author Nicholson Baker's books include "The Mezzanine," "The Size of Thoughts," "The Fermata," "Vox," "U and I," and "Room Temperature." All highly recommended. —B.G.

Dear Mr. Griffith,

My father, Al Nodal, gave me a copy of your comic book titled "Cuba Uncovered" (ZQ 10), trying to prepare me for our upcoming trip to Cuba. I have heretofore had little interest in my heritage, as I was born and raised in San Francisco and live a very "American" way of life. Although my father is Cuban, he has had little success trying to inst ill a sense of my culture in me. He finally succeeded through your comic book/work of art/political statement. Zippy and Griffy made me yearn for the faded pastels and jineteras and voodoo and poverty and electricity of Havana, and I feel morally prepared for our upcoming trip to my familia in Pepito Tey, a little town outside of Trinidad.

Saskia Nodal

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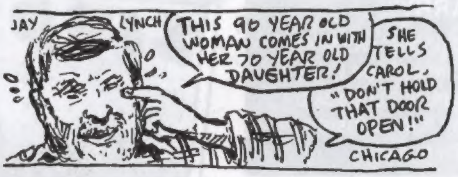
Hi Bill Griffith,

Have you ever envisioned Zippy, Zerbina, or even Griffy in a chadoor? An American friend in India sent me one and it's a HUGE, NEGATIVE RUSH to put it on. You see through a black screen, kinda like looking through heavy, dark nylon stockings. Enough! I am your devoted, enthusiastic, addicted fan.

Mary Keller

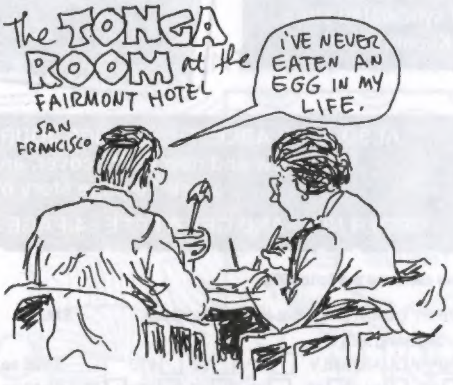
Mary — Actually, Zippy just asked me recently where he could purchase a HUGE, NEGATIVE RUSH. Thanks. Now I know where to send him. —B.G.


JAY LYNCH
THIS 90 YEAR OLD WOMAN COMES IN WITH HER 70 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER!
SHE TELLS CAROL, "DON'T HOLD THAT DOOR OPEN!"
CHICAGO

Dear Mr. Griffith,

I'm just so glad that synchronicity, critical commentary, massaging the media and wit is alive and well in *Zippy. Zippy* is America's cultural and spiritual barometer. Sleepers awake!

Marc Grabler


The TONGA ROOM at the FAIRMONT HOTEL
SAN FRANCISCO
I'VE NEVER EATEN AN EGG IN MY LIFE.

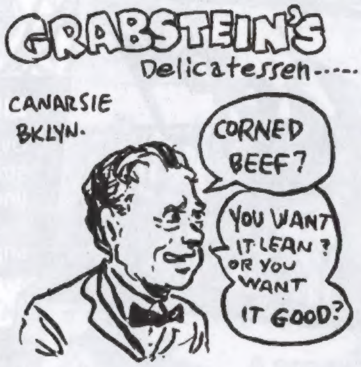
Dear (actually, I want to say "Griffy" which is the word in my head when I think about you or Zippy but that seems too personal since we haven't met, and I hope you won't think it's too personal to offer you these coupons for an oil change at the Zippy Lube in Madison, Wisconsin, which I can't drive past without chuckling, and wondering why there isn't a Zippy Cafe, Zippy Laundromat, Zippy Grocery, Zippy Deli, Zippy Bookstore, Zippy Bank, Zippy everything so I could compulsively organize my entire life around a Zippy world-view, but then, I guess I have already, yours truly, Mark Patronsky) Mr. Griffith.

Dear Bill,

About a year ago, I wrote and asked for your blessing before I started a Zippy web site. Well, finally, "The Zippy Pindex" is now on-line! I'm not sure if there's any use for it, although I did hear from a calculus teacher who wished The Pindex had been up a year ago when he was putting topical *Zippy* strips on tests and handouts. If you get a chance, go to the web site at http://primenet.com/~nrbq/.

Ross Garcia

Ross — I did and, frankly, I was astounded. I never knew Zippy spoke in Flemish! Amazing. —B.G.


GRABSTEIN'S Delicatessen-----
CANARSIE BKLYN.
CORNED BEEF?
YOU WANT IT LEAN? OR YOU WANT IT GOOD?

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Time was when comics were either "funny" or "adventure." What is the purpose of *Zippy the Pinhead*? What is a Zippy? I find it senseless, stupid, with no social value.

PS: I avoid *Zippy* in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press.*

J. Farber

•

Dear Bill,

I first started reading Zip in the *National Lampoon* back in the late 70s and early 80s where he shared space with "Politeness Man." About a year ago, I saw "Politeness Man" pitching a collect calling service. Why couldn't Zip land a gig like this? You know, "Even a pinhead knows how to call collect." Or "Am I calling collect yet?" Or is Zip just too scary for Mr. and Mrs. Average?

Robert Penttinen

Robert — See above letter from "Mr. Average" for your answer. —B. G.

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Mr. Griffith,

Since it goes without saying that Zippy is one of the all-time greats, let me just ask two questions: 1.) Was the persona of Zippy inspired by an old movie called "Freaks"? And 2.) How can it be explained that Zippy's "Are we having fun yet?" catch-phrase is so popular among the ignorant masses, who would surely be perplexed and therefore annoyed by the strip itself? Zippy forever.

Tom Townsend

Tom — 1.) Yes 2.) Once again, ask "Mr. Average," above. —B.G.

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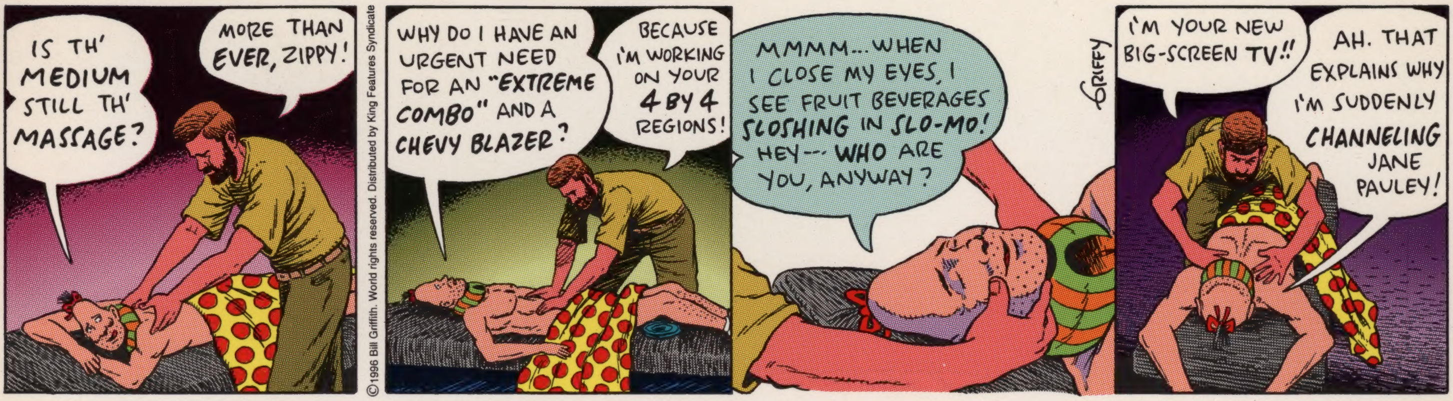
Dear Mr. Griffith,

Your observations and artwork have been somewhat of a lifeline to me; proof that creativity and eloquence exist, insight and nuance as well. Thank you for having the perseverance and imagination to put out *Zippy*.

Melanii Hall


IS TH' MEDIUM STILL TH' MASSAGE?
MORE THAN EVER, ZIPPY!
WHY DO I HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR AN "EXTREME COMBO" AND A CHEVY BLAZER?
BECAUSE I'M WORKING ON YOUR 4 BY 4 REGIONS!
MMMM... WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES, I SEE FRUIT BEVERAGES SLOSHING IN SLO-MO! HEY-- WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
GRIFFY
I'M YOUR NEW BIG-SCREEN TV!!
AH. THAT EXPLAINS WHY I'M SUDDENLY CHANNELING JANE PAULEY!
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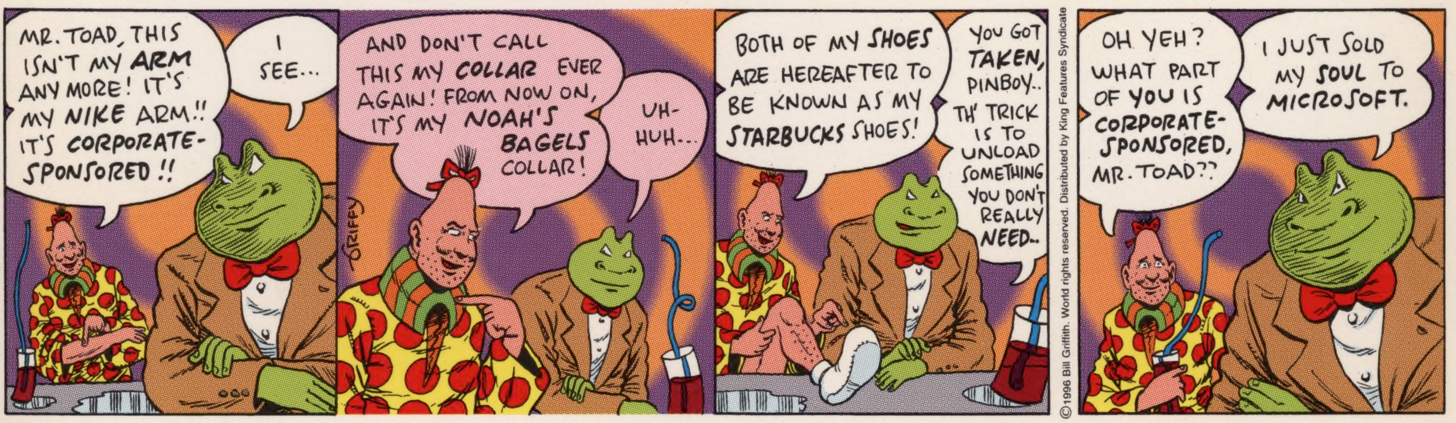
MR. TOAD, THIS ISN'T MY ARM ANY MORE! IT'S MY NIKE ARM!! IT'S CORPORATE-SPONSORED!!
I SEE...
GRIFFY
AND DON'T CALL THIS MY COLLAR EVER AGAIN! FROM NOW ON, IT'S MY NOAH'S BAGELS COLLAR!
UH-HUH...
BOTH OF MY SHOES ARE HEREAFTER TO BE KNOWN AS MY STARBUCKS SHOES!
YOU GOT TAKEN, PINBOY.. TH' TRICK IS TO UNLOAD SOMETHING YOU DON'T REALLY NEED..
OH YEH? WHAT PART OF YOU IS CORPORATE-SPONSORED, MR. TOAD??
I JUST SOLD MY SOUL TO MICROSOFT.
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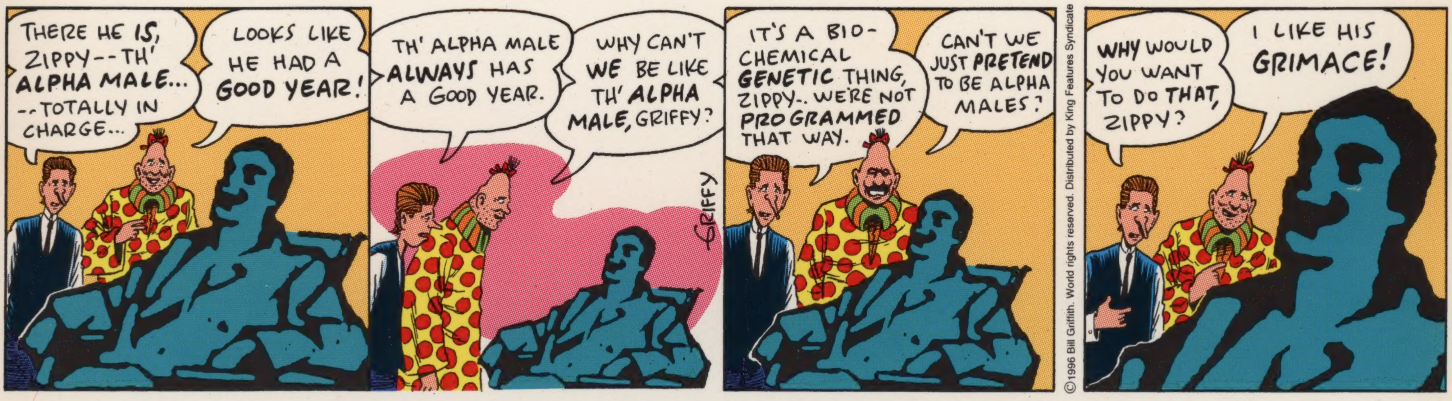
THERE HE IS, ZIPPY--TH' ALPHA MALE... --TOTALLY IN CHARGE...
LOOKS LIKE HE HAD A GOOD YEAR!
TH' ALPHA MALE ALWAYS HAS A GOOD YEAR.
WHY CAN'T WE BE LIKE TH' ALPHA MALE, GRIFFY?
GRIFFY
IT'S A BIO-CHEMICAL GENETIC THING, ZIPPY.. WE'RE NOT PROGRAMMED THAT WAY.
CAN'T WE JUST PRETEND TO BE ALPHA MALES?
WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO DO THAT, ZIPPY?
I LIKE HIS GRIMACE!
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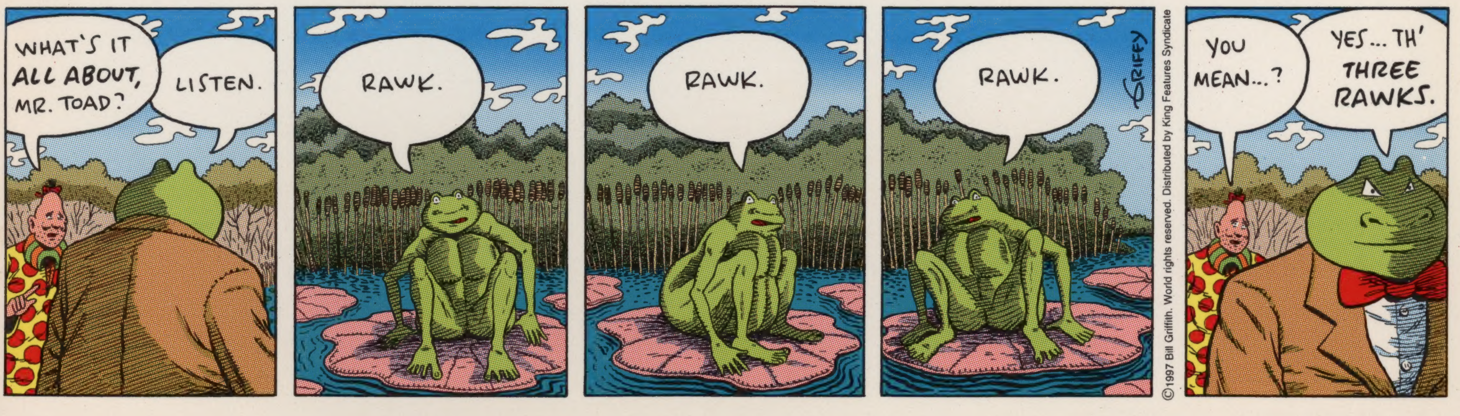
WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, MR. TOAD?
LISTEN.
RAWK.
RAWK.
RAWK.
GRIFFY
YOU MEAN...?
YES... TH' THREE RAWKS.
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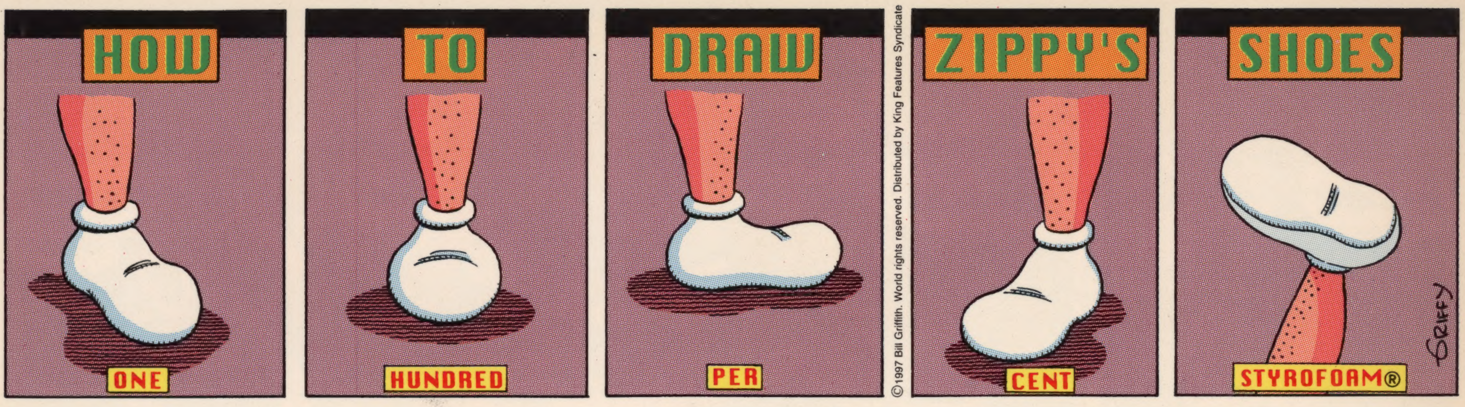
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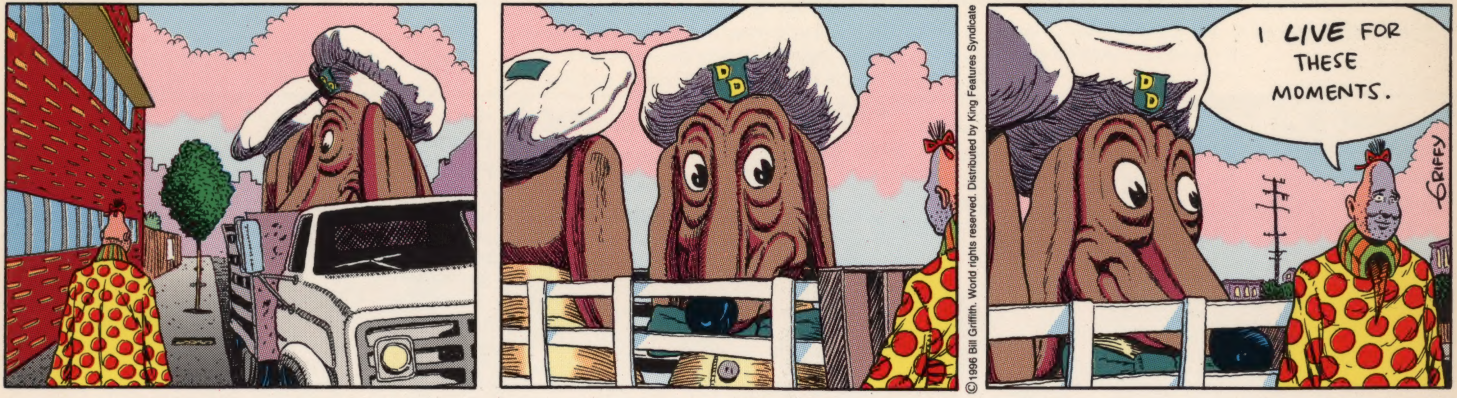
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I LIVE FOR THESE MOMENTS.
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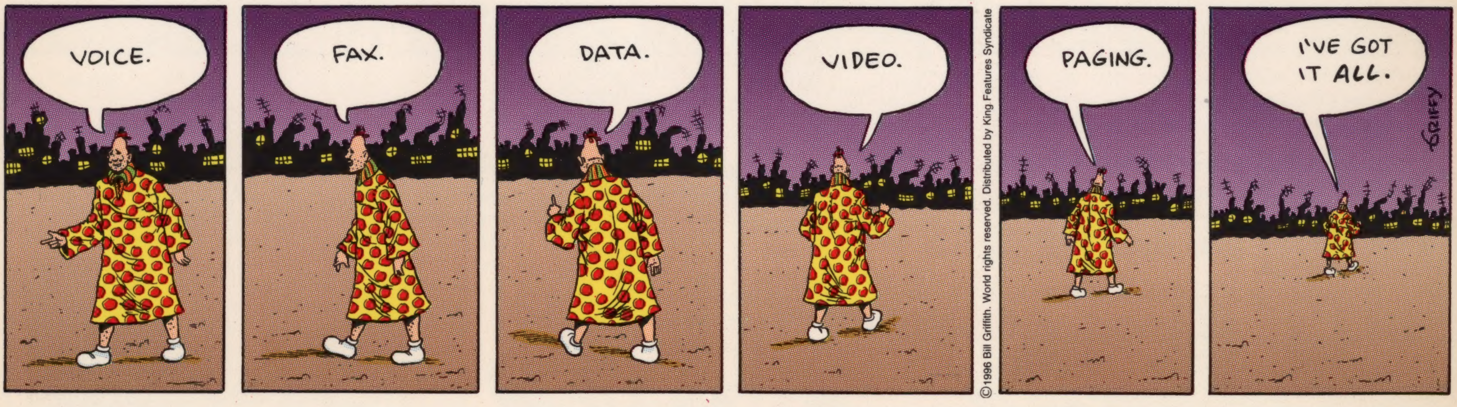
VOICE.
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I'VE GOT IT ALL.
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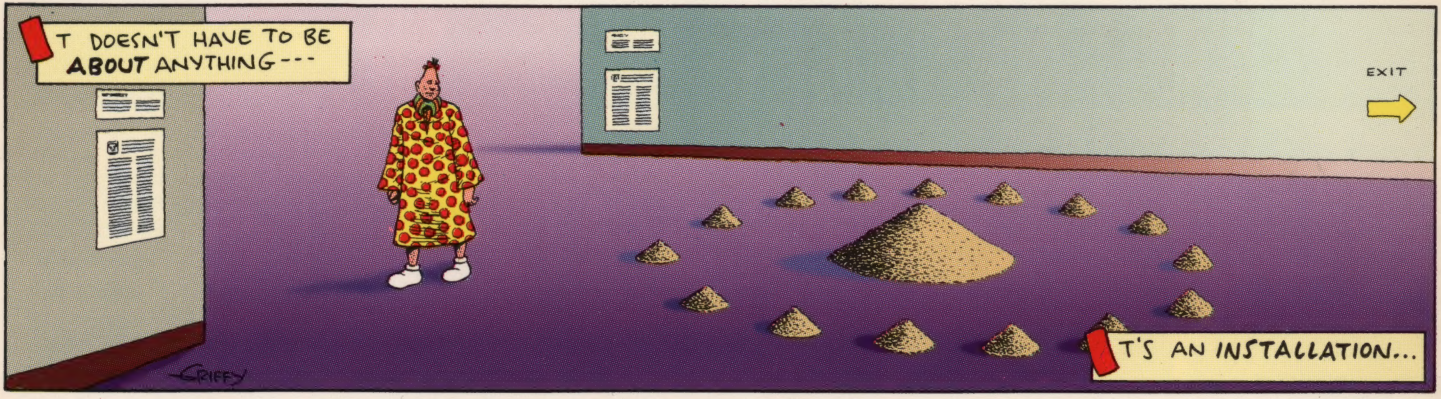
T DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ABOUT ANYTHING---
EXIT
T'S AN INSTALLATION...
GRIFFY

"ZIPPY THE PINHEAD: Blithe, silly and sweetly optimistic. This is the idiot as a savant of some kind. He's decidedly un-neurotic. With his sidekick Griffy, he explores the mad labyrinth of modern life, usually finding some unexpected, oddly skewed charm. 'I'm dancing with Fred Astaire and I'm not even on drugs'."

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